

In The Matter Of:

*Stacy L. Randall v
Reed C. Widen, et al.*

DUPLICATE ORIGINAL

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<p>1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN</p> <p>3</p> <p>4 STACY L. RANDALL, CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-CV-400</p> <p>5 Plaintiff,</p> <p>6 -vs-</p> <p>7 REED C. WIDEN, MICHAEL KIESLER, 8 WIDEN ENTERPRISES, LLC, and 8 WINDY WATERS, INC.,</p> <p>9 Defendants.</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12 DEPOSITION OF: JUSTIN RANDALL</p> <p>13 DATE: October 25, 2023</p> <p>14 TIME: 9:28 a.m. to 3:54 p.m.</p> <p>15 LOCATION: Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, S.C. 15 22 East Mifflin Street, Suite 700 16 Madison, Wisconsin 53703</p> <p>17 REPORTED BY: Janet D. Larsen, RPR</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>	<p>1 I N D E X</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 EXAMINATION BY: PAGE</p> <p>4 Mr. Laing 4</p> <p>4 Ms. Polakowski 201</p> <p>5 EXHIBITS: MARKED</p> <p>6 1 - Declaration of Justin Randall in Support 59 of Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary</p> <p>7 Judgment</p> <p>8 2 - May 6, 2020 email from Stacy Widen Randall 181 to Justin Randall Bates Randall10000116</p> <p>9 3 - May 13, 2020 email from Stacy Widen Randall 190 to Justin Randall Bates Randall10000117</p> <p>10 4 - May 13, 2020 email from Stacy Widen Randall 193 to Justin Randall Bates Randall10000118</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14 MATERIAL REQUESTED: PAGE</p> <p>15 None</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18 QUESTIONS FOLLOWED BY INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO ANSWER:</p> <p>19 None</p> <p>20</p> <p>21 (Original transcript supplied to Attorney Dean P. Laing)</p> <p>22 (Originals of Exhibits 1 through 4 are attached to the original transcript. Scanned copies were provided to all counsel)</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>

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<p>1 A P P E A R A N C E S</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 REINHART BOERNER VAN DEUREN, S.C., by 4 JESSICA HUTSON POLAKOWSKI, ATTORNEY AT LAW DAVID G. PALAY, ATTORNEY AT LAW 22 East Mifflin Street, Suite 700 5 Madison, Wisconsin 53703-4225 jpolakowski@reinhartlaw.com dpalay@reinhartlaw.com 6 appeared on behalf of the Plaintiff.</p> <p>7 O'NEIL, CANNON, HOLLMAN, DEJONG & 8 LAING, S.C., by DEAN P. LAING, ATTORNEY AT LAW CHRISTA D. WITTENBERG, ATTORNEY AT LAW 9 111 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1400 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 dean.laing@wilaw.com christa.wittenberg@wilaw.com 11 appeared on behalf of the Defendants.</p> <p>12</p> <p>13 ALSO PRESENT: Reed Widen</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>	<p>1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2 JUSTIN RANDALL, having been first duly 3 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:</p> <p>4 E X A M I N A T I O N</p> <p>5 BY MR. LAING:</p> <p>6 Q. Good morning.</p> <p>7 A. Good morning.</p> <p>8 Q. Can you state your name full name, please.</p> <p>9 A. Justin Widen Randall.</p> <p>10 Q. Did your mother ever explain to you how it came to 11 be that you had the Widen middle name?</p> <p>12 A. No, not specifically that I recall.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. Did anyone ever explain to you how it came 14 to be that you had the Widen middle name?</p> <p>15 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>16 Q. What's your date of birth?</p> <p>17 A. 9-15-80.</p> <p>18 Q. And I understand you attended college; is that 19 right?</p> <p>20 A. Correct.</p> <p>21 Q. And you obtained a degree?</p> <p>22 A. I did.</p> <p>23 Q. And where did you go to college?</p> <p>24 A. It's a long story.</p> <p>25 Q. I don't need that detail. So let me ask you this;</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 where did you graduate from? 2 A. Edgewood. 3 Q. Here in Madison, Edgewood College? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. In what year? 6 A. Around '08. That might be '07, maybe '09, around 7 that time. 8 Q. And what's your degree? 9 A. Bachelor of science in business, a marketing 10 focus. 11 Q. How are you currently employed? 12 A. A commercial insurance broker for HUB 13 International. 14 Q. Approximately how many years have you been 15 employed by HUB International? 16 A. Twelve. 17 Q. Okay. Are you married? 18 A. I am. 19 Q. What's your wife's name? 20 A. Julie. 21 Q. Okay. Do you have any children? 22 A. Two. 23 Q. What's your home address? 24 A. 5907 Winnequah Road, Monona, Wisconsin 53706. 25 Q. Do you have any plans on moving from there in the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 Q. Your mother is Stacy Randall who's the plaintiff 2 in this case; is that right? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. Okay. Describe your relationship with your 5 mother. And if it's varied over the years just 6 tell me that. 7 A. Yeah, I mean she's my mother. I'm very, our, our 8 whole family is very family oriented, close, very 9 close with her. Yeah, I mean there's a lot that I 10 could go into. There's, you know, there's been 11 times she, we had difficulties with my brother 12 passing away, with her going through a, a divorce, 13 and she, you know, became a little difficult to 14 get along with at, at times, but I have a, you 15 know, I can't think of the word for it but, you 16 know, a, a love for her like a mother. 17 Q. Okay. How would you describe your mother's 18 personality? 19 A. Social, generally kind of light-hearted, you know, 20 like, likes to have fun. She, I'm trying to think 21 of other descriptors. Yeah, just, I guess that's 22 kind of what comes to mind off the top of my 23 head. 24 Q. All right. Would you describe your mother as 25 being intelligent?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 near future? 2 A. No. 3 Q. Are you being represented by Reinhart Boerner and 4 Van Deuren in connection with this deposition 5 today? 6 A. I am. 7 Q. When did you retain them to represent you? 8 A. Oh, I mean I signed some paperwork a week or two 9 ago, maybe three weeks, around that time. 10 Q. Has Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren ever represented 11 you in any matter prior to a couple weeks ago? 12 A. I did talk to them, I don't know if I signed any 13 paperwork on it, but I talked to another attorney 14 here about some real estate business investment 15 stuff. It, I, I don't know if I signed any formal 16 paperwork on that. It kind of, the conversation 17 started and then kind of died off. 18 Q. When was that approximately? 19 A. Within probably the last two years. 20 Q. All right. Other than in connection with this 21 deposition and the real estate issue that you 22 spoke with another lawyer here, has Reinhart 23 Boerner Van Deuren ever represented you in any 24 capacity at any time? 25 A. No.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 A. Yeah, she's intelligent. 2 Q. Okay. Is she strong-willed? 3 A. Sure, yeah. 4 Q. On occasion does she use profanity? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. I'm not saying we all don't. 7 A. As do I. 8 Q. Is she, would you describe her as being 9 determined? 10 A. Yeah, in some aspects. 11 Q. Is she stubborn on occasion? 12 A. Yeah. 13 Q. Is she firm on occasions? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. Is it difficult at times to sway her from her 16 position on matters? 17 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 18 A. I mean in like, give a, give a specific example, 19 yes. 20 Q. Let's say she gets locked into some position on a 21 topic, would you say she's somebody that you can 22 easily sway from that position? 23 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 24 A. I mean it's the same question basically. I mean I 25 don't, if there was a specific example of a time</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 that, I can't think of anything, but if there was 2 a specific example or, or a hypothetical example, 3 I could maybe answer that because I don't really 4 have a strong opinion or, or thought on that, you 5 know. 6 Q. That's a fair answer. 7 A. Yeah. 8 Q. Do you believe your mother is competent 9 currently? 10 A. Yeah. 11 Q. Do you -- 12 A. Generally. 13 Q. Do you have -- I won't tell her you said that. 14 Do you have any reason to believe that 15 your mother was ever incompetent? 16 A. I mean incompetence, is she competent in the rules 17 of football, things like that, no, but generally, 18 yes, she's a competent human being, you know. 19 Q. Your brother passed away when? 20 A. Oh, was that 2015, April, I think. 21 Q. And are you aware whether he had any life 22 insurance policies when he died? 23 A. I am aware. 24 Q. What do you know about that? 25 A. He gifted my sister and I, I think it was a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 Q. All right. Let's talk about the first one. 2 Do you know why that employment terminated? 3 A. No. 4 Q. Do you know if she was terminated? 5 A. I don't. 6 Q. Do you know why the second employment stint 7 ended? 8 A. No. 9 Q. Do you know whether she was terminated? 10 A. I don't. 11 Q. Did you ever discuss with her why she was no 12 longer employed by Widen Enterprises? 13 A. I may have, but I mean this is years and years 14 ago. 15 Q. What do you remember -- 16 A. So I -- 17 Q. What do you remember about that? 18 A. Nothing. 19 Q. Do you know whether your mother was ever a 20 director or officer of Windy Waters? 21 A. I do as of today. 22 Q. Okay. What do you know about that? 23 A. I do from -- 24 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Hold on, I'll object to 25 the extent that it calls for attorney-client</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 \$20,000 policy, if I remember correctly. Through 2 work he gifted my sister and I each half of it, I 3 believe I got \$10,000. 4 Q. Were you aware of any other life insurance 5 policies on his life when he passed? 6 A. I mean I've, I don't know specifics but I can say 7 I've seen mail with things that look like, 8 potentially like an insurance policy that was 9 going to my father and my mother that also said 10 something about, you know, in regard to Andrew 11 Randall, but other than that, I mean just the 12 mail, and I'm just taking a guess that that's 13 maybe what it was. 14 Q. For example, you don't know, I take it, what the 15 face value of the policy was if there was a 16 policy -- 17 A. No. 18 Q. -- that your mom and dad were beneficiaries on? 19 A. Yeah, I, I wouldn't. 20 Q. Okay. Are you aware whether your mother was ever 21 employed by Widen Enterprises? 22 A. I am. 23 Q. And are you aware that she was employed there on 24 two separate occasions? 25 A. Yeah.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 privilege information and direct you not to answer 2 to the extent that it would require you to divulge 3 attorney-client communications, but to the extent 4 that you can answer without divulging 5 attorney-client communications, please do so. 6 A. I mean the first thing that comes to mind is 7 reading the Complaint, it talks about that she was 8 a director. Prior to reading that Complaint I 9 probably assumed that she had some kind, I mean 10 she was a shareholder, right, I knew that, but I 11 didn't know specifically, like, what, if, like, 12 what title she had other than shareholder 13 really. 14 Q. Okay. Do you know whether or not your mother 15 was ever involved in any management issues with 16 Windy Waters? 17 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And same objection and 18 same instruction. 19 A. I, no, I, from what I know, there was no, she had 20 no management or involvement in management of the 21 companies. 22 Q. And why do you say that? 23 A. I mean just from being around the family, right, 24 I, I know that my mom wasn't the business person, 25 right. She wasn't making decisions based on, you</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 know, the company and things like that. 2 Q. Did you ever talk to your mother about her being a 3 director or officer of Windy Waters? 4 A. No. Again, I didn't know her titles so I 5 definitely didn't even talk to her about her 6 director and officership. 7 Q. And by that question, I meant any time from the 8 day you were born until today. 9 A. Again, I did not necessarily that I recall know 10 that she had a title of some director or officer. 11 I knew that she was a shareholder of the company. 12 So I can answer that, no, that I recall. 13 Q. I think you said before that you assumed she was a 14 director or officer of Windy Waters. Was that 15 because you knew she was a shareholder? 16 A. Yeah, right. 17 Q. Any other reason you assume that? 18 A. No. I mean I, I guess I don't, I'm not an expert 19 in, like, the, you know, how the, like, 20 corporations work and, you know, like, I'm a 21 shareholder in some things, but not necessarily do 22 you know, but I guess I assumed in a small closely 23 held company that there, that could be a 24 possibility. 25 Q. Are you currently a director or officer of any</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 Q. Fair, fair question. 2 Let's say over the last year, how often 3 did you see your mom? 4 A. Probably about the same as I see my, maybe monthly 5 on average. 6 Q. How -- 7 A. Maybe a little bit more frequently. 8 Q. How often over the last year have you spoken with 9 your mother? 10 A. I mean frequently. Like, like you want a time 11 frequency? I mean I would say on average every 12 week or two. 13 Q. All right. Would you say you have a closer 14 relationship currently with your mother or your 15 father? 16 A. Oh, I, I would say even. I mean -- 17 Q. Reed Widen one of the defendants in this case is 18 your uncle; right? 19 A. Correct. 20 Q. Describe your relationship with Reed Widen. 21 A. One of my best friends, stood up in my wedding, 22 like a second father to me, someone that I love 23 dearly, and that unlike my father, we really get 24 along well, see eye to eye, enjoy the same 25 things.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 company? 2 A. No. 3 Q. Have you ever been? 4 A. No. 5 Q. Are you currently a shareholder? 6 A. I am. 7 Q. Of privately held companies or publicly traded or 8 both? 9 A. Both. 10 Q. How many different privately held companies are 11 you a shareholder of? 12 A. Just one. 13 Q. What's the name of that one? 14 A. HUB International, my employer. 15 Q. Describe your relationship with your father. 16 A. Good. He's unfortunately in poor health. I don't 17 see him as much as I used to. We talk fairly 18 regularly, at least I would say monthly. You 19 know, we have totally different kind of interests 20 and personalities and things like that but we get 21 along fine. 22 Q. How often do you currently see your mother? 23 A. When you say -- Define currently. 24 Q. Yeah. 25 A. The last what?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 Q. How would you describe Reed Widen's personality? 2 A. Outgoing, fun, laid back, yeah, those are things 3 that come to the top of my head. 4 Q. Okay. Is Reed Widen generally reserved in his 5 personality? 6 A. No, no, he's outgoing. 7 Q. Is he generally humble? 8 A. No, I wouldn't, I wouldn't use that word to 9 describe him. 10 Q. Is he honest generally? 11 A. I think so. 12 Q. Is he an honorable person in your opinion? 13 A. I don't know. What's the -- I think so, yeah. 14 Q. Is he a braggart? 15 A. I'm not sure what that means. 16 Q. Does he brag? 17 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 18 A. Yeah. 19 Q. Like about what things? 20 A. It's, it's, it's sort of like kind of a, I guess 21 his schickt or personality, like, you know, just 22 being, you know, big, braggadocious, I guess, that 23 sort of person kind of. 24 Q. Is Reed Widen a generous person? 25 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p>

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<p>1 A. He's been generous to me.</p> <p>2 Q. What types of things has Reed Widen done for you 3 over the years that would demonstrate the 4 generosity you just expressed?</p> <p>5 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection.</p> <p>6 A. I mean just generous in, I mean I've known him 7 since I was a, a, baby basically, and he's just 8 generous with his time with me as well as, you 9 know, just helping me out. I think one time he, 10 when I was a kid I had, like, a water pump that 11 broke and I think he helped me out with that.</p> <p>12 Yeah, like, when we go out for family dinners and 13 things like that he would buy, just generosity 14 like that.</p> <p>15 Q. Has he ever taken you on fishing trips to 16 Canada?</p> <p>17 A. He has.</p> <p>18 Q. How many times?</p> <p>19 A. I, I mean it's been a lot of years since we've 20 done one of those, but I would say four.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. How long were the trips generally?</p> <p>22 A. I, I mean I don't remember specifically.</p> <p>23 Q. Were they a couple days, a week, a month?</p> <p>24 A. I believe they were, like, five-day trips, 25 something like that.</p>	<p>1 A. I don't know.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. What do you remember ever paying for with 3 respect to any of the South Dakota trips?</p> <p>4 A. I mean licenses, gas, accommodations, dinners, you 5 know, shot that we needed to hunt, food, you know, 6 all those things.</p> <p>7 Q. Generally speaking, did Reed Widen pay for the 8 great majority of the expenses for those trips?</p> <p>9 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>10 A. Not, no, I mean there were, I can say there were 11 some years that that would have happened, but I 12 can't say that generally, no.</p> <p>13 Q. Well, for some years on the South Dakota hunting 14 trips did Reed Widen pay for virtually 15 everything?</p> <p>16 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>17 Q. Did Reed Widen ever let you use his vehicles?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Which ones?</p> <p>20 A. I mean, again, we're talking, I'm, I'm driving 21 for, you know, a lot of years. I mean, I 22 certainly recall him allowing me to use his 23 vehicle for, what was it, like, prom, and just 24 over the years just randomly, you know. I mean, 25 if we were together up north or South Dakota or</p>
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<p>1 Q. And did he pay for everything in connection with 2 you traveling with him?</p> <p>3 A. Not everything.</p> <p>4 Q. He paid for the flight?</p> <p>5 A. I don't believe so.</p> <p>6 Q. You paid for that on your own?</p> <p>7 A. I believe so.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. How about the accommodations?</p> <p>9 A. Yes, the accommodations.</p> <p>10 Q. He paid for those?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Has Reed ever taken you to South Dakota on hunting 13 trips?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. How many times?</p> <p>16 A. I would venture to guess ten.</p> <p>17 Q. All right. Did he pay for those?</p> <p>18 A. Portions.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. What portions did you pay for?</p> <p>20 A. That's a tough question because, yeah, you know, 21 going, there was ten times and so it would change 22 from time to time. I mean --</p> <p>23 Q. Let me break it up. Were there times where Reed 24 Widen paid for everything in connection with the 25 South Dakota trip?</p>	<p>1 something and I would be, like, you can use my 2 vehicle, it's, yours is parked in, I can, he can, 3 you know, it was just, we were a close family so 4 we jumped in each other's cars all the time.</p> <p>5 Q. What vehicle did you use for your prom?</p> <p>6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>7 A. It was a Corvette, a red one.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. Have you used over the years Reed Widen's 9 boats?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. How often do you do that?</p> <p>12 A. I mean multiple times in a summer.</p> <p>13 Q. What type of boats?</p> <p>14 A. Pontoon boats, fishing boats, ski boats, all 15 types.</p> <p>16 Q. Are some of those boats boats that cost over a 17 hundred thousand dollars?</p> <p>18 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to foundation.</p> <p>19 A. Yeah.</p> <p>20 Q. Have you ever gone golfing with Reed Widen?</p> <p>21 A. I have.</p> <p>22 Q. And has he on occasion paid for those, golfing?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Is that pretty much customary that he pays for 25 those?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 A. Yeah. 2 Q. Your wife at one time worked for Widen 3 Enterprises; correct? 4 A. Correct. 5 Q. And she currently works for Aquia? 6 A. Correct. 7 Q. Did Reed Widen play a role in getting her that job 8 at Widen Enterprises? 9 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Foundation. 10 Form. 11 A. I'm not sure how much of a role he did play. 12 Q. What do you know about what role he played, if 13 anything? 14 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objections. 15 A. I mean if I recall correctly, I think Julie, my 16 wife, spoke to Reed about, you know, hey, looking 17 at a job there, and Reed said, I'll mention 18 something to Matthew, but I can't guarantee you're 19 going to get, you know, you've got to perform on 20 your own and get the job. 21 Q. Have you ever flown in private jets paid for by 22 Reed Widen? 23 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Form and 24 foundation. 25 A. Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 A. No. 2 Q. Ever? 3 A. No. 4 Q. Have you ever heard your wife say something to the 5 effect that if we win this lawsuit, I won't have 6 to work anymore? 7 A. No. We're not in a lawsuit, by the way. 8 Q. Oh, I understand that. 9 A. Well, you said we. 10 Q. Well, I'm asking you if you ever heard your wife 11 say that. 12 A. Right. 13 Q. Right. 14 A. Yeah. 15 Q. How many uncles do you currently have? 16 A. Three on the Widen side and, what is there, I 17 think just Uncle Jeff on the, my dad's side. 18 Q. So a total of four? 19 A. Correct. 20 Q. As to those four uncles would you say have, your 21 closest relationship is with Reed Widen? 22 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. Describe the relationship you had with your 25 grandfather Mark Widen? And I know he's since</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 Q. How many times? 2 A. One trip to South Dakota. 3 Q. Okay. Have you ever spent time at Reed Widen's 4 Arizona home? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. How many times would you say you visited that 7 home? 8 A. Hard to determine that. I mean, we lived in 9 Arizona for a period of months, and, again, we're 10 a very close family so we would see each other all 11 the time, dozens. 12 Q. Hundreds? 13 A. Possibly. I mean, we lived there in a separate 14 house but down the street for, I think four months 15 the first year of, the first winter of COVID. So, 16 yeah, I mean that's a long period of time. 17 Q. Have you had any discussions with your mother 18 about the topic of her giving you any proceeds of 19 her recovery in this case if she were to be 20 successful? 21 A. No. 22 Q. None? 23 A. I'm sorry, what? 24 Q. You've had none of those discussions with your 25 mother?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 passed. 2 A. He has. 3 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I'll object to form. 4 A. I mean, it's, he was someone that I looked up to a 5 lot. He taught me a lot of things about, you 6 know, entrepreneurship, I mean I was young, but 7 entrepreneurship, hard work, taking care of 8 things, you know, being, you know, just generally 9 a good person and, and, you know, kind of, he kind 10 of lived the American dream, and I really looked 11 up to that. 12 Q. How old were you approximately when, when he died? 13 A. Oh, God, I don't remember when he passed. I think 14 I was in college, if I recall. So low twenties. 15 Q. How would you describe Mark Widen's personality? 16 A. He was, I mean, for a young person like myself it 17 was intimidating a little bit, I mean, you know, 18 as an elderly kind of monarch of the family. But 19 also, he was a very caring person that kind of, I 20 was his first grandson so I think he kind of had 21 a, you know, a thing, or we had a thing together 22 that, although he could come across sometimes to 23 some people as maybe hard, I guess would be the 24 word, he was really loving at least to me. 25 Q. How would you describe your mother's relationship</p>

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<p>1 with her father?</p> <p>2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form and</p> <p>3 foundation.</p> <p>4 A. I mean, from what I know of their relationship, it</p> <p>5 was good, yeah.</p> <p>6 Q. Did your mother seem to respect him?</p> <p>7 A. Absolutely.</p> <p>8 Q. Did it appear that your grandfather showed love</p> <p>9 for your mother?</p> <p>10 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objections.</p> <p>11 A. Yeah.</p> <p>12 Q. Did it appear that your mother showed love for her</p> <p>13 father?</p> <p>14 A. I'm sorry. Repeat that question.</p> <p>15 MR. LAING: Would you read it back.</p> <p>16 (Question read)</p> <p>17 MR. POLAKOWSKI: I'm interposing the same</p> <p>18 objections. Form and foundation.</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Was your father -- I'm sorry, strike that.</p> <p>21 Was your grandfather Mark Widen someone</p> <p>22 that you would describe as a caring and loving</p> <p>23 person?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. How would you describe your mother's relationship</p>	<p>1 mind, one was, like, related to the cottage, and</p> <p>2 I'm trying to think. So I think, I think Reed had</p> <p>3 texted my mom or my mom had texted Reed about</p> <p>4 something, you know, my mom was kind of, was</p> <p>5 ruffling feathers of a few people there or</p> <p>6 something, and my mom was upset that Reed had</p> <p>7 texted her a handful of years ago. You know, she</p> <p>8 would, I remember her and my mom, or my dad</p> <p>9 talking about times where, you know, related to</p> <p>10 the family business stuff, like, you know, hey,</p> <p>11 we, you know, we're not, Reed's got a brand-new</p> <p>12 car and we're, you know, not, we're not living the</p> <p>13 life, you know, we're, we're owners in this</p> <p>14 company, too, just general stuff like that where</p> <p>15 they would be somewhat upset.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. Any other times you can think of?</p> <p>17 A. I mean, obviously related to this.</p> <p>18 Q. Sure.</p> <p>19 A. You know.</p> <p>20 Q. Other than this, meaning the lawsuit situation?</p> <p>21 A. The lawsuit, right, yeah.</p> <p>22 Q. Can you think of any other examples?</p> <p>23 A. Yeah, I mean, most, most of the time that I</p> <p>24 remember, there was stuff around just, you know,</p> <p>25 brotherly/sisterly stuff where Reed said something</p>
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<p>1 with Reed Widen over the years?</p> <p>2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Form and</p> <p>3 foundation.</p> <p>4 A. I mean generally good.</p> <p>5 Q. Has Reed Widen over the years been generous to</p> <p>6 your mother?</p> <p>7 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Form and</p> <p>8 foundation.</p> <p>9 A. I, I mean, you'd have to ask her that. I'm not</p> <p>10 aware of, you know, generous acts that took, took</p> <p>11 place between my mom or my dad and Reed.</p> <p>12 Q. Has your mother ever said anything negative to you</p> <p>13 relating to her brother Reed Widen?</p> <p>14 A. Yeah.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. When's the first time you can recall that?</p> <p>16 A. I, I can't really recall the first time. Yeah, I</p> <p>17 mean, it's, there's so much time, right, like, I'm</p> <p>18 thinking back. If there was something that was</p> <p>19 prompted, I, I would remember, but I don't</p> <p>20 remember, like, a specific first time.</p> <p>21 Q. Can you recall any time your mother was ever mad</p> <p>22 or upset about her brother Reed Widen?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Tell me about those.</p> <p>25 A. I mean there's a couple things that are coming to</p>	<p>1 at the Sunday dinner or Stacy said something at</p> <p>2 the Sunday dinner, and they were just, you know,</p> <p>3 quabbling, but most of the time the more, you</p> <p>4 know, things that stick out in my mind was in</p> <p>5 regard to, you know, the business stuff, like I</p> <p>6 said, like, mom and dad arguing about or, or</p> <p>7 talking about, you know, the, their treatment as</p> <p>8 shareholders of the business versus what Reed was,</p> <p>9 you know, doing.</p> <p>10 Q. What would they say about that?</p> <p>11 A. Just things like, you know, we don't have, you</p> <p>12 know, we're, we're not doing, and I don't remember</p> <p>13 specifically, but I guess I can say generally it</p> <p>14 was like, look, we're not, you know, we can't buy</p> <p>15 brand-new cars and, you know, some of these things</p> <p>16 like that, and Reed is, and, you know, we're not</p> <p>17 seeing really anything from the company but he is.</p> <p>18 That's kind of the general stuff. I can't</p> <p>19 remember anything real specific like, you know,</p> <p>20 yeah.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. Have you reviewed all or any portion of the</p> <p>22 transcript of your mother's deposition in this</p> <p>23 case?</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 Q. I think you said you read the Complaint filed in</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 this case; correct?</p> <p>2 A. Correct.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. Did you review any drafts of the Complaint 4 before the Complaint was actually filed?</p> <p>5 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I'll object to the 6 extent that it would require you to divulge 7 attorney-client communications and instruct you 8 not to answer to the extent you would have to 9 disclose attorney-client communications. To the 10 extent you can answer without doing so, go ahead 11 and answer.</p> <p>12 MR. LAING: Well, that's impossible 13 because he's already testified he wasn't 14 represented by you folks at the time.</p> <p>15 Q. So my question is, before the Complaint was 16 filed --</p> <p>17 A. M-hm.</p> <p>18 Q. -- did you review any drafts of the Complaint?</p> <p>19 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And I'm going to 20 maintain my objection, and I'll clarify for you, 21 Dean, that he was serving as Stacy's power of 22 attorney. As her agent, communications between 23 the group of us are protected.</p> <p>24 MR. LAING: Okay.</p> <p>25 Q. Do you currently have a written power of attorney</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 Q. Other than the Complaint you told me about that 2 you have reviewed, have you reviewed any other 3 documents that relate to this case as far as you 4 know?</p> <p>5 A. I have.</p> <p>6 Q. Which documents?</p> <p>7 A. I don't really remember. I mean I've just looked, 8 like, on line, like, what's going on, things like 9 that.</p> <p>10 Q. Other than looking at the court docket on line, 11 have you, and the Complaint, have you reviewed any 12 other documents that relate to this case?</p> <p>13 A. The, I did sign something, I don't know what it's 14 called, but --</p> <p>15 Q. The declaration?</p> <p>16 A. Maybe.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. Anything else?</p> <p>18 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>19 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And, Dean, I can clarify 20 for you. The POA was signed on September 20th of 21 2021, but I will produce it to you.</p> <p>22 MR. LAING: Thank you.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. In the last two weeks have you reviewed any 24 documents that relate to this lawsuit?</p> <p>25 A. The Complaint and the declaration, I don't know</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 for your mother?</p> <p>2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>3 A. I'm not sure.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Have you ever had a written power of 5 attorney on behalf of your mother?</p> <p>6 A. Again, I'm not sure.</p> <p>7 Q. Are you aware of any?</p> <p>8 A. Of a written power of attorney? Like, I, I don't, 9 I don't totally understand what that is. I don't 10 remember signing anything saying -- Well, I may 11 have signed something when she had surgery, or was 12 that my dad. I'm not aware.</p> <p>13 MR. LAING: Counsel, will you agree to 14 produce that --</p> <p>15 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Yes.</p> <p>16 MR. LAING: -- written power of attorney?</p> <p>17 And can you tell me when it was signed?</p> <p>18 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I can. I can tell you 19 it expired on December 31st of 2022. I don't know 20 for sure when it was signed but we'll check 21 that.</p> <p>22 MR. LAING: Okay. Yeah, if you can tell 23 me when it was signed so I'll know the effective 24 dates because I know when it was terminated.</p> <p>25 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Sure.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 when that was signed though, but it was around a 2 few weeks ago.</p> <p>3 Q. All right. Anything else?</p> <p>4 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. Prior to May of 2020, had you ever had any 6 discussions with Reed Widen regarding the 7 possibility of selling Widen Enterprises?</p> <p>8 A. To clarify, just because I do want to make sure of 9 the timing on this point, the May of 2020 was when 10 my mom, when her stock was sold?</p> <p>11 Q. When the last chunk of her stock --</p> <p>12 A. Okay.</p> <p>13 Q. -- was sold back to the company.</p> <p>14 A. Okay. And then had I spoken to Reed about the 15 company selling --</p> <p>16 Q. Yeah, so let me ask it again --</p> <p>17 A. -- prior to that.</p> <p>18 Q. -- so we have a clear question.</p> <p>19 A. Yeah.</p> <p>20 Q. Prior to May of 2020 when your mother sold the 21 last part of her stock back to Windy Waters, did 22 you ever have any discussions with Reed Widen 23 regarding the possibility of selling Widen 24 Enterprises or Windy Waters?</p> <p>25 A. I do.</p>

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<p>1 Q. How many times did you have that type of 2 discussion prior to May 2020? 3 A. I mean, I remember one time specifically. There 4 may have been other times. 5 Q. And I can only ask you about what you remember. 6 A. Right. 7 Q. So let me be sure on your answer. 8 As you sit here today you recall one time 9 prior to May 2020 having a discussion with Reed 10 Widen regarding the possibility of selling either 11 Widen Enterprises or Windy Waters; is that 12 correct? 13 A. The, it was, to me it was Widen 14 Enterprises. I didn't really -- 15 Q. Okay. 16 A. -- know what Windy Waters was, but, yes, as I 17 recall, that's the only time that I remember. 18 Q. Okay. Now let's talk about that. When did that 19 occur? 20 A. It was February 2020. 21 Q. All right. And where was it, where were you folks 22 when that discussion was had? 23 A. On Reed's Arizona house pool deck. 24 Q. Okay. And who was all there? 25 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p>	<p>1 and her husband were at, I mean there, there could 2 have been, but I don't recall. 3 Q. And when you say you remember a time, do you 4 recall that as being on this day that you had the 5 discussion with Reed or not? 6 A. Not necessarily, but I mean it was, it could have 7 been. I'm just thinking about, you know, sitting 8 out by the pool, and I remember them specifically 9 being there. That could have been a different 10 time of year even. It could have been, you know, 11 whatever. 12 Q. I understand. Who was in the vicinity that could 13 have overheard the conversation you had with Reed 14 on that occasion? 15 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Foundation. 16 A. I mean, I can't, I don't, I can't recall anyone in 17 the vicinity. 18 Q. So other than you and Reed, is that what you're 19 telling me? 20 A. Correct. 21 Q. Okay. Do you remember the specific day, date? 22 A. No. 23 Q. Do you remember the day of the week? 24 A. No. 25 Q. Do you remember the time of the day?</p>
<p>1 A. Well, I mean, like, there, define there. 2 Q. Good, good question. Good objection. Good 3 comment. 4 On the property, who was all there on 5 that occasion in February of 2020 at the time this 6 discussion was had? 7 A. The people that I recall there was my family so my 8 wife, kid, Reed's wife, Reed, you know, there was 9 a lot of comings and goings of, like, friends and 10 family at that time but that's what I can remember 11 that was definitely there. 12 Q. Okay. 13 A. There may have been others though. 14 Q. So the ones you remember being there at the time 15 this discussion was held and not necessarily as 16 part of the discussion, but on the property -- 17 A. Yeah. 18 Q. -- were you, your wife, did you say kid or kids? 19 A. What was that 2020? It would have been kids. 20 Q. Okay. Kids. And then Reed and his wife; correct? 21 A. Correct. 22 Q. Do you recall anyone else present on the property 23 at the time the discussion was had? 24 A. I, I mean I remember a time where there was, I 25 can't remember their names, Sally Waller's sister</p>	<p>1 A. We had golfed that day, I believe. So it was 2 later in the day. I believe we were kind of 3 getting ready to go out to dinner. 4 Q. When you said we golfed, was it just you and Reed 5 or others? 6 A. I don't recall who was there. 7 Q. Okay. Do you remember who paid for that golf? 8 A. I don't. 9 Q. Okay. So you and Reed were standing or sitting on 10 the pool deck? 11 A. Both. I mean -- 12 Q. I'm talking about when this discussion was had. 13 A. Both. We would, he would get up, I could stand 14 up, he would sit down, I would sit down. I mean 15 we're moving around. 16 Q. Okay. How long did the discussion take on this 17 topic? 18 A. Oh, we probably talked for 10, 15 minutes. 19 Q. All right. And what do you recall Reed Widen 20 saying on the topic during those 10 or 15 21 minutes? 22 A. Specifically him? 23 Q. Yes. I'm going to divide it between what he said 24 and you said. 25 A. Okay.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 Q. So tell me first of all what he said on the topic. 2 A. Well, he answered a question that I had asked or a 3 statement, I guess that I had made, which that 4 statement was, you know, our private equity 5 practice at work is crazy busy, there's all kinds 6 of transactions happening, and he answered with 7 something like, and I may have asked, well, I 8 don't recall if I did that, he answered with 9 something like, oh, we get calls all the time from 10 private equity firms, you know, looking to acquire 11 us. 12 Q. Okay. What else did he say? 13 A. I was, like, oh, interesting. It was, you know, a 14 conversation, like I say, I think he said that, 15 from what I recall he said that Matthew, you know, 16 Matthew would get the calls, and, you know, that 17 the, some of the numbers were really big and that, 18 you know, he, they, he's, like, I've considered 19 it, there's a, we won't really have a succession 20 plan in place, Jesse isn't necessarily a software 21 guy, I don't know what we would do if we didn't 22 sell, and I could, I could walk away with large 23 sums of, of money and just kind of be done. 24 Q. What else did he say, if anything? 25 A. I think, I mean, that's generally the, the, the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 know, was it, is there taxes, I mean, so -- 2 Q. I don't want to know what he possibly said. I 3 want to know what you remember he said. So can 4 you tell me what you remember he said with respect 5 to any numbers and their context? 6 A. I remember the number 50 being used as, like, I 7 could walk away with 50 million. I remember the 8 number 80 coming up. I don't remember 9 specifically what that was. That could have been 10 I could walk away with 80 million or I could, or 11 the company could sell for 80 million, I don't 12 remember exactly, but I remember both 50 and 80 13 being used. 14 Q. Do you remember any other numbers being spoken by 15 Reed Widen during that conversation other than 16 \$50 million and \$80 million? 17 A. I believe there was, you know, indication that the 18 company, I do remember this, it wasn't, you know, 19 I, I could walk away with a hundred million but 20 the company itself could be potentially acquired 21 or purchased for a hundred million is the 22 indication is received. 23 Q. Okay. Any other numbers that you recall him 24 referencing during that conversation other than 25 \$50 million, \$80 million, and \$100 million?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 specifics. I mean, this conversation is many 2 years ago, but that's the, that was the, the 3 specifics that I remember. 4 Q. As you sit here today can you recall anything else 5 he said during that conversation? 6 A. Oh, yeah. I mean, there was, there was 7 conversation about specific numbers, like, I think 8 he said something like, you know, I can walk away 9 with 80, \$50 million, something like that. 10 Q. You said 80, \$50 million, what did you mean by 11 that? 12 A. As in you throw around numbers, right, like, you 13 know, heck, I could walk away with 50 million, I 14 could walk away with 70 million, I could walk with 15 80 million. It could have been just that second 16 one, too. The indications were that he could walk 17 away with large sums of money like those ballpark 18 from, you know, the inquiries that, that these 19 private equity firms or these firms that were 20 interested in buying Widen were making. 21 Q. Did he specifically use the number 50 million? 22 A. I mean there's, possibly, yeah, because there was, 23 I believe there was conversation of, like, if the 24 company sold for X number, I could potentially end 25 up with Y number. So there's, like, math and, you</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 A. Not that I recall. 2 Q. Okay. Do you remember anything else Reed Widen 3 said during this conversation other than what 4 you've told me about? 5 A. Not that I recall. I mean, this is a few years 6 ago. If there's something that prompted me or 7 something reminded me maybe, but not right now. 8 Q. Did Reed Widen tell you during that conversation 9 that he had no interest in following up any, on 10 any of those solicitations? 11 A. No, he said that there was interest in following 12 up on those, because, again, there, there wasn't a 13 succession plan in place. He was getting to an 14 age, right, where he's, like, I don't really want 15 to be involved with the business and I can just 16 walk away into the sunset with, you know, a large 17 sum of money that can take care of me and, you 18 know, my, my, my people for the rest of my life. 19 Q. Did he imply at all or say at all that this was 20 something on the horizon meaning five, ten years 21 out or this was something that was going to happen 22 within the next couple months, or did he give you 23 any impression or say anything along those 24 lines? 25 A. I don't recall any time period, but I mean it was,</p>

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<p>1 it was, I guess what I understood it was, was, 2 like, I'm, it's something I would consider with 3 these large numbers. 4 Q. Did Reed Widen ever talk to you about 5 retirement? 6 A. Yeah. 7 Q. Okay. Was it that day or other days? 8 A. Yeah, other days and kind of, I mean that was what 9 that conversation was about regarding, you know, 10 potentially being acquired was, you know, I'd be 11 able to walk away, I mean retire, but, yeah, there 12 were other days, too. 13 Q. Did Reed ever target for you a date by which he 14 wanted to be retired? 15 A. Not a specific date, no. 16 Q. Did you have the understanding that that date was 17 somewhere when he was around 65 years old? 18 A. No. I mean, I think he wanted to retire, if I had 19 to guess, but as soon as possible. 20 Q. Did you have an understanding as of that 21 conversation that Reed or Matthew Gonnering or 22 anyone else was actively following up on those 23 solicitation offers? 24 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form and 25 foundation.</p>	<p>1 follow up on an email or a voicemail, I don't 2 know, it's just they, there was conversations had 3 is what I got. 4 Q. And to your knowledge, no one else overheard that 5 conversation that he had with Reed Widen in 6 February of 2020; is that right? 7 A. Correct. 8 Q. Okay. Did you make any notes ever of that 9 conversation? 10 A. No. 11 Q. You didn't record it; did you? 12 A. Like audio, audio recording? 13 Q. Yeah. 14 A. No. 15 Q. As you sit here today are you able to specifically 16 say that Reed Widen told you in February of 17 2020 that he could sell Widen Enterprises for 18 \$50 million? 19 A. As I sit here today -- I'm sorry, repeat the 20 question. 21 MR. LAING: Read it back. 22 (Question read) 23 A. No, I mean the, the 50 million I remember 24 specifically being used where, God, I mean it's, 25 it's definitely of interest to me where I could</p>
<p>1 A. I mean, did, in the conversation though you're 2 talking about in Arizona? 3 Q. Yes. 4 A. Was there active follow up? I don't think that 5 was discussed, but what was discussed, I mean, it 6 was, like, there was interest, we were listening 7 was what was indicated. 8 Q. Did Reed say that he had talked to any of those 9 people who were soliciting him, his company? 10 A. I don't recall. I mean, he was not necessarily in 11 the office and would take those kind of calls, 12 right, just knowing what kind of what he, he did 13 for the company. 14 Q. Yeah, that wasn't my question. My question was, 15 during that conversation in February of 2020, did 16 Reed Widen tell you or imply to you that he had 17 responded to any of those solicitation efforts? 18 A. No, no. 19 Q. During that conversation in February of 2020, did 20 Reed Widen tell you that Matthew Gonnering had 21 followed up on those solicitation efforts? 22 A. I don't recall. I mean, I would, it could have 23 been did Matthew, I mean, all I know was that 24 Matthew had had conversations with people that 25 would inquire about the acquisition. Did he</p>	<p>1 just walk away with a \$50 million check. So that 2 would mean the company would be sold for more than 3 that, with my understanding being that he didn't 4 own a hundred percent of the company. 5 Q. As you sit here today can you definitively tell me 6 that you recall Reed Widen telling you in February 7 of 2020 that he could sell Widen Enterprises for 8 \$80 million? 9 A. I can't definitively say that. Like I said, there 10 was numbers thrown around, a hundred, 80, 50. The 11 one that I can definitively say I know that he 12 said was it's definitely of interest for me to be 13 able to walk away with let's say \$50 million. 14 Q. Are you able to definitively say for me today that 15 Reed Widen told you in February of 2020 that he 16 could sell Windy Waters for \$100 million? 17 A. I, I honestly don't even know what Windy Waters is 18 so I can't say anything definitive about that. 19 Q. Let me restate that. 20 Are you able to definitively tell me 21 today that Reed Widen told you in February of 2020 22 that he could sell Windy -- Widen Enterprises for 23 \$100 million? 24 A. I can't definitively say that. Well, actually, 25 let me back up on that because the hundred, I know</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 45</p> <p>1 he didn't say I could walk away with a hundred. 2 So, yeah, it was, the hundred number was used in 3 context to the, being able to sell the company for 4 that. 5 Q. All right. 6 A. Now that, I just kind of backed into that. 7 Q. Okay. Other than Reed Widen telling you on 8 February, in February of 2020 that he could sell 9 Widen Enterprises for some number that would net 10 him personally \$50 million, do you recall him 11 using any other number in that context? 12 A. Any other number of what he would net? 13 Q. Yes. 14 A. I mean, like I say, there was numbers thrown 15 around of 80, 50, and a hundred. 16 Q. All right. And were those numbers related to the 17 sale price for the company or -- 18 A. Both. 19 Q. -- the price that he would get? 20 A. Sorry, both. 21 Q. So as to the \$50 million number, was that in 22 reference to a sale price for the company or what 23 Reed Widen would net from the sale? 24 A. What Reed Widen would net. 25 Q. With respect to the \$80 million, was that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 47</p> <p>1 probably. I mean, I don't know, yeah. 2 Q. Tell me the first time you recall that. 3 A. I believe the time that I recall was kind of, I 4 think I believe either Nike and/or Reebok was a 5 customer or a target customer for the companies at 6 the time, and Reed had talked about it would be, 7 you know, really interesting or really cool or 8 really great if Reebok would buy us. 9 Q. Was that before or after February 2020? 10 A. Before. 11 Q. Do you remember anything more specific that Reed 12 said other than what you told me? 13 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 14 A. No, I mean the only other specific thing that I 15 remember is he got, I believe it was the Reebok 16 guy and he got along with him well, the 17 representative from Reebok. 18 Q. Okay. Tell me the next time you recall a 19 discussion on that topic. 20 A. That's the thing, I can't remember specifically. 21 The, the one sitting here today, the next time 22 that I can recall that kind of conversation was 23 the February of 2020. 24 Q. Okay. And then have you had any other occasions 25 where you had a discussion with Reed Widen or you</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 46</p> <p>1 discussed in the context of what the company would 2 be sold for or what Reed Widen would net from the 3 sale? 4 A. That's the one that I can't definitively say what 5 the usage of that was. I just remember the number 6 being thrown around. 7 Q. Okay. With respect to the \$100 million number, 8 was that number used in the context of what the 9 company could be sold for or what Reed Widen would 10 net from the sale? 11 A. That one was company sold for. 12 Q. Okay. I think you already answered this, but I 13 want to make sure I remember correctly. 14 Have you ever had any other conversation 15 with Reed Widen or overheard Reed Widen say 16 anything about the subject of potentially selling 17 Widen Enterprises other than this February 2020 18 discussion at Reed Widen's home in Arizona? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. All right. How many times? 21 A. I mean, I can't give a specific count. I mean, 22 again, my relationship with Reed is 43 years long, 23 my entire life, and I've been, I've hung around 24 with him a lot of times so, and we've talked a 25 ton, so I can't give you a specific number. A lot</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 48</p> <p>1 overheard Reed Widen talk about the possibility of 2 selling Widen Enterprises? 3 A. Not that I can recall, no. 4 Q. Okay. So as you sit here today you recall one 5 occasion prior to February of 2020 where Reed said 6 something to the effect that wouldn't it be cool 7 if Nike or Reebok purchased Widen Enterprises or 8 something to that effect? 9 A. Yeah. 10 Q. And you don't recall any more detail other than, 11 other than Reed Widen seemed to get along good 12 with whoever that representative was? 13 A. From Reebok, yes. 14 Q. Okay. And then the only other time you recall 15 that conversation is on the pool deck at Reed 16 Widen's home in Arizona in February of 2020; 17 correct? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. Okay. Have you ever shared either of those 20 conversations that you had with Reed Widen with 21 your mother? 22 A. I'm, there's kind of a compound question there. 23 So the Reebok one, let's take. I don't recall, I 24 mean that was, that was years ago. I don't recall 25 if I told her. The February 2020, yes.</p>

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<p>1 Q. All right. And when did you tell her about that 2 conversation?</p> <p>3 It was, I believe she called me after 4 Reed had told her that the company had sold and, 5 you know, was distressed, I would guess, I would 6 describe it, and was kind of asking me, like, I 7 guess generally what I remember is that she was, 8 like, did you know that they were selling? And I 9 did, I did then at that point say, you know, I 10 didn't know that they were, they were interested 11 in selling or selling, but the only, but I did, 12 but then that kind of prompted this memory about 13 the February of 2020. And I said the only thing I 14 can remember that I heard about that was when we 15 were Arizona, Reed had said, and then what we 16 discussed in February of 2020.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay.</p> <p>18 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Dean, we've been going 19 about and hour.</p> <p>20 MR. LAING: Take a break? Sure.</p> <p>21 (Break taken)</p> <p>22 Q. Mr. Randall, I've been asking you questions about 23 times where you heard Reed Widen discuss the 24 subject of the possible sale of Widen Enterprises. 25 Do you recall those generally?</p>	<p>1 they told you? 2 A. Bill Nordland. 3 Q. Bill Nordland. 4 And he told you this in May of 2022? 5 A. If I'm recalling correctly, I mean, I'd have to 6 look at, but, yeah, that sounds correct. 7 Q. And where were the two of you when he told you 8 this? 9 A. I was at home. 10 Q. Was this a phone call? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. And what did Mr. Nordland tell you during that 13 phone call in May of 2022? 14 A. He called, well, he texted and said, how are you 15 doing. And I just said, this is really difficult 16 because of the relationship that I have with Reed, 17 relationship that I have with my mother, like, I'm 18 in like a no-win, but both, both sides I love to 19 death, and it's a terrible situation. He knew 20 some things were going on that would put me in, 21 in, in the middle of this, and he kind of just 22 reached out and said, you know, I'm here if you 23 need anything. And I texted him back saying, I 24 appreciate that, I may reach out to you, this is, 25 this is just really difficult. And then he called</p>
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<p>1 A. I do. 2 Q. Okay. And you told me about two occasions, the 3 first being a time, a reference Nike and Reebok, 4 and the second time on the pool deck at Reed 5 Widen's home in Arizona; correct? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. I want to now change those questions just a little 8 bit and ask you about whether you have heard from 9 anyone at all that Reed Widen discussed the 10 possibility of selling Widen Enterprises with 11 anyone else. Do you understand what I'm asking? 12 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 13 Q. Do you understand what I'm asking? 14 A. I mean, so you're, have I heard anyone else say 15 that Reed had considered selling the company? 16 Q. Yes, in other words, Reed would have told somebody 17 and somehow you would have heard from that person 18 directly or indirectly. 19 A. Yes, I did. 20 Q. Okay. On how many occasions? 21 A. One that I can recall. 22 Q. Okay. When was that? 23 A. I believe it would have been early summer, maybe 24 May, May of '22. 25 Q. Okay. And who's the person that told you whatever</p>	<p>1 me when I texted him back, and he, I don't 2 remember how it came up, but it was, like, 3 basically it was repeating the, he said, like, 4 yeah, I remember in February sitting at the pool 5 and Reed said basically kind of the, repeated back 6 to me almost the exact same story that I had been 7 told. So it sounds like the same, a very similar 8 conversation that had happened with Bill. And I 9 think I said that to him, I said, yeah, he said 10 that to me, too. 11 Q. So Mr. Nordland told you about a conversation he 12 had with Mr. Widen in Arizona; is that right? 13 A. Correct. 14 Q. At -- 15 A. It sounded -- 16 Q. -- Reed Widen's house? 17 A. Yeah, it sounded like really similar to the exact 18 same situation that happened to me, we were kind 19 of sitting by the pool in Arizona, and, you know, 20 Reed had talked about that, you know, like, the 21 numbers and, and the fact that there were 22 solicitations and those kind of things. 23 Q. And what do you recall, specifically recall 24 Mr. Nordland telling you during that telephone 25 call?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 53</p> <p>1 A. Just saying, you know, well, Reed, we were sitting 2 by the pool, and Reed said, oh, they were getting, 3 you know, solicitations for large sums of money. 4 I don't remember a specific number that he used. 5 And, you know, that, that there was consideration 6 of those, of those solicitations due to the large 7 sums of money. And he was just kind of comfort, 8 like, hey, you know, if you, you know, try to hang 9 in there, I know this is really tough because of 10 your relationships with the two people that you 11 love so much, and, you know, I'm here as a 12 shoulder to cry on or, or lean on or, you know, 13 whatever.</p> <p>14 Q. Do you recall any more of the details of what 15 Mr. Nordland told you during that conversation?</p> <p>16 A. Well, I think the reason that I remember kind of 17 the timing was and the reason that I was kind of 18 kind of in a distressed situation, and I don't 19 know, the only thing I can assume is that Reed was 20 talking to Bill about this, too, which he was also 21 talking to me was, you know, he was talking about 22 selling the cottage, and it was, you know, it was, 23 that distressed me because the cottage means a, a, 24 a lot to me. I grew up there. I want my kids to 25 grow up there. It's a place that I spent a ton of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 55</p> <p>1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 2 A. I don't recall any of those numbers you used. 3 Q. Do you recall whether Mr. Nordland said that Reed 4 Widen told him he planned to sell Widen 5 Enterprises right then and there or about at that 6 same time that the two of them had a conversation 7 or was it somewhere down the road or didn't you 8 mention anything on that?</p> <p>9 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Form and 10 foundation.</p> <p>11 A. I mean the option, yeah, none of the options that 12 you said really would apply. I guess it was kind 13 of, it was kind of the inference that I made 14 where, you know, it was something that was in 15 consideration right now today when something like 16 that could go down, a sale, I mean. I don't know 17 what that time period that that takes to put 18 together.</p> <p>19 Q. Have you ever talked to Reed Widen about the sale 20 of Widen Enterprises?</p> <p>21 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. What did he tell you about that?</p> <p>24 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>25 A. I mean, so we just discussed that in February.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 54</p> <p>1 time with my family, with Reed and his family, my 2 grandparents. You know, there's, there's a lot to 3 it. So I think, and Bill knows that so I think he 4 knew that I would, you know, I think that's why he 5 texted me in the first place.</p> <p>6 Q. Do you recall as you sit here today any more 7 detail that Mr. Nordland said to you in May of 8 2022 about Mr. Nordland's conversation with Reed 9 Widen in Arizona?</p> <p>10 A. Is there anything else?</p> <p>11 Q. That you recall him saying.</p> <p>12 A. About the, the conversation that Mr. Nordland had 13 had in Arizona with Reed. No, I think I kind of 14 described it. Like I say, it was like, it was, I 15 don't want to, eerily isn't necessarily the word, 16 but it was like eerily similar to the, to the, to 17 the conversation I had had with Reed.</p> <p>18 Q. Do you recall Mr. Nordland using any numbers with 19 you when he had this conversation with you in May 20 of 2022?</p> <p>21 A. I don't recall.</p> <p>22 Q. Do you recall Mr. Nordland saying to you that Reed 23 Widen was planning on selling the company in two 24 years or five years or ten years from his 25 conversation with Mr. Widen in Arizona?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 56</p> <p>1 Q. Of what year? 2 A. 2020.</p> <p>3 Q. I'm sorry. Maybe you misunderstood my question. 4 My question was intended to say that after the 5 sale, have you ever had any discussions with Reed 6 Widen about the sale?</p> <p>7 A. Yeah.</p> <p>8 Q. And what did he tell you?</p> <p>9 A. I mean, there were a lot of conversations early 10 on. I mean, I'm trying to, I'm trying to go 11 through that time period and things like that. 12 I mean, the, the, when the sale was happening, we 13 were golfing and he was talking about, in the UP, 14 and he was talking about the sale was happening 15 and they were going to get 162 million. Then, you 16 know, there was conversations, a lot of 17 conversations around that that I don't recall 18 specifically, around the, on that, on that golf 19 outing. Then the next thing I remember is, you 20 know, Reed was, like, I don't, you know, don't 21 tell Julie because I want to tell her, she works 22 there. And I said, well, you've got to tell her 23 soon, right; I'm not going to keep something from 24 my wife, which then he did tell her. He came over 25 to the small cottage and he said, you know, I want</p>

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<p>1 to tell you that the company's selling. I 2 remember Julie saying immediately, her reaction 3 was, Reed, Stacy just sold. And Reed said, I 4 didn't know anything about that.</p> <p>5 I think there was then a conversation at 6 that time, and this may have also been, like, at 7 the golf outing but it also may have been with 8 Julie in regard to, I'm going to give Stacy, you 9 know, a million dollar gift and have her do, sign 10 off on a release after the gift. There was 11 conversation about, you know, it's just, it's just 12 a lot of money, and we're doing, you know, kind of 13 setting up foundation and meeting with people in 14 regard to, prior to the sale in regard to, like, 15 Reed's kids, my cousins, kind of preparing to get 16 this huge sum of money and how to, you know, do it 17 successfully, meeting with, like, trust attorneys, 18 and I think he even mentioned, like, a 19 psychologist that helps people, like, families 20 that come, come into money.</p> <p>21 Then, yeah, then actually he, I remember 22 he called, he had left up north and we were still 23 there, he called and said, you know, hey, don't 24 tell, you know, make sure you keep this completely 25 quiet, don't tell anyone, this hasn't closed yet,</p>	<p>1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 2 A. I mean, I don't remember the, you know, like that 3 as a direct quote. I remember him being, like, 4 it's a crazy amount of money, like, it's like 5 lottery money. 6 (Exhibit 1 marked for identification) 7 Q. Okay. Exhibit 1 is in front of you. And that's a 8 declaration that you gave in support of 9 plaintiff's motion for partial summary judgment. 10 And this is the document that was filed with the 11 court on September 29, 2023, and it just has an 12 S slash with your name next to it on page 2. 13 Do you see that? 14 A. I do. 15 Q. Okay. Did you actually sign a declaration like 16 this with your ink signature? 17 A. Not that I really recall. 18 Q. Now, on page 2 you say, I declare under penalty of 19 perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 20 And it was executed on September 29, 2023. Do you 21 see that? 22 A. I do. 23 Q. And I take it you authorized this declaration to 24 be filed with the court? 25 A. I did.</p>
<p>1 it was really close. I assured him, that hey, I 2 won't. Then I, I think we got home, back to 3 Monona where we live and, you know, things were 4 becoming, it was coming closer and closer to it 5 kind of being public information, and I knew the 6 company was selling, Julie knew the company was 7 selling, a bunch of the people at the golf course 8 knew the company was selling, and I think I called 9 Reed and said, you know, have you told my mom, 10 because you probably should soon, I can't really 11 keep this from her, you know. And I believe he 12 said that he, he just had or, like, that did just 13 recently within like a day or two of, of me asking 14 that. And then from there, you know, there was a, 15 a bunch more conversations after that, but I mean 16 I'm just going from, like, the beginning of, of 17 time that I remember knowing that the company was 18 going to sell. 19 Q. Do you remember Reed Widen telling you that he was 20 shocked at the sale price? 21 A. I remember him saying, yeah, like, it's a crazy 22 amount of money, it's like lottery money. 23 Q. Do you remember Reed Widen telling you that he 24 never dreamed that the company would be worth that 25 kind of money or something to that effect?</p>	<p>1 Q. Okay. And then on page 1, it says in paragraph 2 2 that in February 2020 you visited Reed Widen in 3 his home in Arizona. And that's the conversation 4 you've told me about already; correct? That's, 5 that's the time frame. 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Then in paragraph 3 you said, During that visit, 8 Reed Widen told you that he and Matt Gonnering 9 regularly received solicitations to sell Widen 10 Enterprises. And, and we've also talked about 11 that today; correct? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. And that's a true and correct statement; isn't 14 it? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. Okay. And in paragraph 4 you say, During that 17 visit, Reed also told me that he was considering 18 selling Widen Enterprises because he could sell 19 the company for approximately \$80 million. Do you 20 see that? 21 A. I do. 22 Q. Now, you told me today that the only reference for 23 the \$80 million during that conversation was a 24 reference that what Reed Widen would net from the 25 sale. Do you remember telling me that today?</p>

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<p>1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent 2 that it mischaracterizes his testimony. 3 MR. LAING: It doesn't. 4 Q. You can answer. 5 A. I don't, I mean, I don't remember specifically 6 saying, saying that, no. 7 Q. Well, let's, let me ask you it again then. 8 During your conversation with Reed Widen 9 in February of 2020, you remember Reed Widen using 10 the number \$80 million; right? 11 A. Correct. There were multiple numbers thrown 12 around. 13 Q. And you already told me there were a \$50 million 14 number mentioned, an \$80 million number mentioned 15 and \$100 million number mentioned; correct? 16 A. Correct. 17 Q. And those are the only three numbers you remember 18 him mentioning during that conversation; 19 correct? 20 A. Correct. 21 Q. And as to the \$80 million, you told me, didn't 22 you, that that was in reference to what Reed Widen 23 would net from a sale of the company? 24 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object. 25 Q. True?</p>	<p>1 Q. He told you that? 2 A. I mean those exact words, no, but there was 3 numbers like 80 million, a hundred million thrown 4 around that, that, that, you know, the company 5 could potentially be sold, sold for. 6 Q. Well, earlier in today's deposition I specifically 7 asked you what the \$80 million reference was, and 8 I specifically asked you was that what he would 9 sell the company for or what he would personally 10 net, and you told me that the only number you 11 recall him saying about what he could sell the 12 company for was \$100 million; is that right or is 13 that wrong? 14 A. Well, I, I, again, it kind of, it's, it's twisting 15 it a little bit because I remember him saying that 16 he could walk away with at least \$50 million, 17 okay, and these 80, this is, again, this is a long 18 conversation, it was 15 minutes at least, right, 19 so there was a lot of numbers thrown around, 20 details, and by the way, this is multiple years 21 ago, but there was numbers like 80 and a hundred 22 million thrown around which are to me in the 23 approximate range of the same thing, like, that 24 was kind of the tone of the conversation. It 25 wasn't, like, I have an offer for a hundred</p>
<p>1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent 2 that it mischaracterizes his testimony. 3 A. Well, I, I think -- So, the, I, I signed this 4 declaration saying he can sell the company for 5 approximately \$80 million. \$80 million, a hundred 6 million dollars, they're all kind of approximate 7 to me, right, so -- 8 Q. Oh, so when you signed this document you meant, 9 when you said approximately 80 million you meant 10 approximately 50, approximately 80, approximately 11 100 million, is that what approximately meant to 12 you? 13 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent 14 that it mischaracterizes his testimony. 15 A. I mean 80 and 100 million, 100 million are 16 approximately the same number, yeah. 17 Q. Then why didn't you say approximately 100 million? 18 A. I don't, because I don't know, I mean, it was just 19 going on the lower end of the number that I 20 remembered, just being conservative, I guess. 21 Q. Well, did he tell you during that meeting in 22 February of 2020 that he was considering selling 23 Widen Enterprises because he could sell the 24 company for approximately \$80 million? 25 A. Yeah.</p>	<p>1 million dollars, it was more, like, you know, 2 heck, we could get 80 million, heck we could get a 3 hundred million, you know, those, those are the 4 numbers I remember, those to me are all 5 approximate to each other, so, you know. 6 Q. So to you the number \$50 million is approximately 7 the same as \$100 million? 8 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent 9 that it mischaracterizes his testimony. 10 A. The 50 million was his, I remember the specifics 11 of the 50 million was I could walk away with 12 \$50 million retire and be done so -- 13 Q. Do you remember him saying any other number than 14 \$50 million in the context of what he would net 15 from the sale? 16 A. Not that I recall. 17 Q. Okay. Do you specifically recall as you sit here 18 today Reed Widen telling you in February of 2020 19 in Arizona that he was considering selling Widen 20 Enterprises because he could sell the company for 21 approximately \$80 million? 22 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 23 A. Do I specifically recall that, yeah. 24 Q. Okay. Prior to authorizing the filing of this 25 declaration with the court, were there other</p>

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<p>1 drafts of the declaration that you reviewed?</p> <p>2 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. So this was presented to you, you said it's 4 fine, and you have my approval to file it with the 5 court, is that how it went down?</p> <p>6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. To the 7 extent that it would require you to divulge the 8 contents of attorney-client privilege 9 communications, I'll instruct you not to answer. 10 If you can answer without disclosing conversations 11 you've had with your attorneys, you may do so.</p> <p>12 A. Yeah, I mean the whole thing was a conversation 13 with the attorney.</p> <p>14 Q. Well, you've already told me that there were no 15 prior drafts of this; correct?</p> <p>16 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>17 Q. And so when you first saw this, it looked 18 completely accurate to you and you authorized the 19 filing of it; is that right?</p> <p>20 A. I believe so. I don't believe there were 21 changes.</p> <p>22 Q. So during the conversation in Arizona in February 23 of 2020 did Reed Widen tell you that he was 24 considering selling Widen Enterprises because 25 he could sell the company for approximately</p>	<p>1 Arizona did Reed Widen put any time frame at all 2 on the possibility of selling Widen Enterprises?</p> <p>3 A. I mean the, the way I recall it was, like, we're 4 getting these solicitations today, we're getting 5 interests from companies to buy our company today 6 and prior to that day when I say today, and it's 7 of interest to me because I could walk away with 8 \$50 million. So to me there was a time frame that 9 was a short horizon, right, because he wouldn't 10 have been talking about I could walk away with 11 \$50 million and it's, you know, five years from 12 now, ten years from now if he, you know, because 13 things change, right.</p> <p>14 Q. Well, we know things change because COVID hit the 15 next month; right?</p> <p>16 A. Right.</p> <p>17 Q. Things greatly changed; didn't they?</p> <p>18 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>19 A. I mean in, in regard to what?</p> <p>20 Q. The whole world.</p> <p>21 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection.</p> <p>22 A. The pandemic was a once in probably multiple 23 generation situation so, yeah, it was a crazy 24 world.</p> <p>25 Q. Do you know if the COVID pandemic that hit the</p>
<p>1 \$100 million?</p> <p>2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I need the 4 question again, please.</p> <p>5 (Question read)</p> <p>6 A. I mean those words specifically weren't, I mean 7 that's, that's what, that's how I'm characterizing 8 the conversation. He didn't specifically say, I 9 can sell the company for approximately a hundred 10 million dollars, no. But what I characterized the 11 conversation as is numbers like 80, a hundred 12 million dollars were thrown around so 13 approximately \$80 million, yes.</p> <p>14 Q. But my question related to the \$100 million number 15 so let me ask it again. Did Reed Widen tell you 16 in February 2020 in Arizona that he was 17 considering selling Widen Enterprises because he 18 could sell the company for approximately 19 \$100 million?</p> <p>20 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>21 A. So he didn't say those exact words, but, yes, a 22 hundred million dollars was thrown around in that 23 conversation when talking about what the, the 24 company could sell for.</p> <p>25 Q. And during the conversation in February of 2020 in</p>	<p>1 next month changed Reed Widen's view on either 2 the, considering selling Widen Enterprises or the 3 value of the company?</p> <p>4 A. I don't know.</p> <p>5 Q. Did Reed Widen ever tell you prior to May of 2020 6 that he was considering selling Widen Enterprises 7 because he could personally receive \$80 million 8 for his ownership interest in the company?</p> <p>9 A. That he could personally receive 80 million. Not 10 that I recall.</p> <p>11 Q. Did anyone ever tell you that he said that to 12 someone else?</p> <p>13 A. No.</p> <p>14 Q. Prior to May of 2020, did you ever have any 15 conversations with Reed Widen while golfing on the 16 subject of the possibility of signing -- selling 17 Widen Enterprises?</p> <p>18 A. While golfing, not that I recall.</p> <p>19 Q. Prior to May 2020, did you ever have any 20 conversations with Reed Widen on the subject of 21 the possibility of selling Widen Enterprises while 22 hunting?</p> <p>23 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>24 Q. Prior to May 2020, did you ever have any 25 conversations with Reed Widen on the subject of</p>

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<p>1 possibility of selling Widen Enterprises while 2 staying at the cottage?</p> <p>3 A. Not, not that I can recall.</p> <p>4 Q. Other than the time in Arizona in February of 2020 5 that you already had told me about, have you ever 6 had any other conversations with Reed Widen on the 7 general subject of succession planning for the 8 company?</p> <p>9 A. I mean, Reed had said a handful of times that, you 10 know, Jesse wasn't a software guy, his son, that 11 the conversation in February was the one that I 12 recall where we got kind of more specific into 13 the, into succession planning, but, you know, it 14 could have been hunting, fishing, golfing, those 15 kind of things where business would come up, and, 16 you know, Reed would use that, he's not a software 17 guy Jesse reference, I can't remember a specific 18 time, but one of the many many times that we've 19 been together different places.</p> <p>20 Q. Did Reed Widen tell you in February of 2020 that 21 one of the things he was considering for Widen 22 Enterprises was selling the company to the 23 employees?</p> <p>24 A. I don't believe, I don't recall that coming up in 25 February of 2020, no.</p>	<p>1 take one at a time.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. Let's do that. It'll be simpler.</p> <p>3 Have you ever had any conversations with 4 Mark Winter --</p> <p>5 A. No.</p> <p>6 Q. Well, let me just finish the question.</p> <p>7 A. Go ahead.</p> <p>8 Q. Have you ever had any conversations with Mark 9 Winter where he explained to you or you were at 10 the same conversation that Reed Widen was 11 discussing the possibility of selling Widen 12 Enterprises before May of 2020?</p> <p>13 A. Mark Winter, no.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. How about Ryan Ely?</p> <p>15 A. Prior to, and, and you're talking a conversation 16 with this person. So, for instance, in this 17 scenario I talked with Ryan Ely about Reed had 18 mentioned that they're, they may sell the company 19 prior to May of 2020.</p> <p>20 Q. Let me see if I can simplify it. Were any of 21 these people that I'm going to now mention in 22 attendance when you had conversations with Reed 23 Widen about the possibility of selling Widen 24 Enterprises? And those would be Mark Winter, Ryan 25 Ely, David Simon, Rod Bochen, Tim Macht, and Ben</p>
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<p>1 Q. Do you recall him telling you in February of 2020 2 that it was another consideration to have Matthew 3 Gonnering and Mike Kiesler and some of the other 4 key players in the company purchase the company?</p> <p>5 A. I don't --</p> <p>6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>7 A. I don't recall that.</p> <p>8 Q. You've already told me about a conversation you 9 had with Bill Nordland. I want to now ask you 10 whether you ever had any conversations with the 11 following people relating to the subject of Reed 12 Widen potentially selling Widen Enterprises prior 13 to May of 2020, and those people are Mark Winter, 14 Ryan Ely, David Simon, Rod Bochen, Tim Macht, and 15 Ben Sharpf.</p> <p>16 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I'm sorry, and just for 17 my purposes I didn't hear the first part of your 18 question.</p> <p>19 (Question read)</p> <p>20 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Perfect. Thank you.</p> <p>21 A. There's one person that I didn't recognize the 22 name, Rod Bochen.</p> <p>23 MR. WIDEN: Bochen.</p> <p>24 A. Bochen. You know, there's, there's a lot of 25 conversations, a lot of people there. I'd have to</p>	<p>1 Scharpf?</p> <p>2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And, Dean, just to 3 clarify for the record, are we talking pre-May 4 2020?</p> <p>5 MR. LAING: Yes.</p> <p>6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Okay.</p> <p>7 A. And May of 2020 was when my mother's stock was 8 sold?</p> <p>9 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Correct.</p> <p>10 A. I've just to confirm that because these dates get 11 all convoluted.</p> <p>12 I don't recall hearing a conversation 13 between Reed and any of those people prior to May 14 of 2020 that the, you know, in the context that 15 you just said.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. And I'm assuming from your testimony none 17 of those people were in attendance when you and 18 Reed Widen were talking about the Nike and Reebok 19 situation; correct?</p> <p>20 A. That was a long time ago. Honestly, when you say 21 that it kind of prompts a memory with Tim Macht, 22 maybe. I can't be sure of that though because 23 again that was a long time ago.</p> <p>24 Q. And none of those people were in attendance when 25 you had the conversation with Reed Widen in</p>

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<p>1 February of 2020 in Arizona; correct?</p> <p>2 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. Let's jump ahead now to the May 2020 time</p> <p>4 frame.</p> <p>5 Your mother sold the last stock that</p> <p>6 she owned in Windy Waters back to the company on</p> <p>7 May 13 of 2020 for approximately \$1.3 million</p> <p>8 payable over seven years. I'm assuming you're</p> <p>9 aware of that; correct?</p> <p>10 A. I am.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Are you aware that your mother sold some</p> <p>12 stock she owned in Windy Waters back to the</p> <p>13 company in years prior to 2020?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. What do you know about that generally?</p> <p>16 A. I know about it from reading the Complaint. I</p> <p>17 mean, prior to that, prior to reading the</p> <p>18 Complaint, I mean, I didn't necessarily get into a</p> <p>19 lot of the details of, you know, if she sold</p> <p>20 stock. I mean, I knew from, from, you know,</p> <p>21 conversations Reed would have was, like, you know,</p> <p>22 he would say things like Stacy needs money or, you</p> <p>23 know, treats the company like a bank. So I knew</p> <p>24 there was some kind of transaction, I guess, I</p> <p>25 would call it, but I didn't really know if there</p>	<p>1 transactions?</p> <p>2 Q. Yes.</p> <p>3 A. I didn't know.</p> <p>4 Q. Did you know prior to May 2020 what she used the</p> <p>5 money for when she received it from selling her</p> <p>6 stock back to Windy Waters?</p> <p>7 A. Not that I recall, no.</p> <p>8 Q. Prior to May 2020, did you know how any of the</p> <p>9 dollar amounts that your mother received for her</p> <p>10 stock were calculated?</p> <p>11 A. No.</p> <p>12 Q. Prior to May of 2020, do you know whether your</p> <p>13 mother ever was happy or unhappy with the amount</p> <p>14 of money she received for her stock?</p> <p>15 A. Yeah, I don't know if she's, either of those.</p> <p>16 Q. Did your mother ever consult with you regarding</p> <p>17 any of those prior transactions where she sold</p> <p>18 stock back to Windy Waters prior to May of 2020?</p> <p>19 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>20 Q. In other words, did she ever ask you for your</p> <p>21 advice or suggestions or recommendations?</p> <p>22 A. Not that I can specifically recall.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. How did you first learn that your mother</p> <p>24 was considering selling her remaining stock back</p> <p>25 to Windy Waters in 2020?</p>
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<p>1 was a stock sale or what, what it was.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. Prior to the May 2020 sale, were you aware</p> <p>3 of any of the details of the stock sales that your</p> <p>4 mom had with Windy Waters such as the number of</p> <p>5 shares or the dollar amounts she received or how</p> <p>6 those dollar amounts were calculated or anything</p> <p>7 like that?</p> <p>8 A. I mean, I knew that at some point she had</p> <p>9 20 percent equity share because she was one of the</p> <p>10 five children. I may have, you know, prior, and I</p> <p>11 don't know, prior to reading the Complaint known</p> <p>12 that, you know, she -- Well, no, I, I didn't</p> <p>13 really, I mean, I think I'm just referring to my,</p> <p>14 my memory of the, the share sales in the</p> <p>15 Complaint. I mean, generally I guess my mom</p> <p>16 wouldn't say, you know, over those, that period</p> <p>17 of, of years, which is, if I remember quite, quite</p> <p>18 a bit of years after my grandfather had passed, my</p> <p>19 mom generally wouldn't come to me and say, you,</p> <p>20 that she got X dollars in a transaction with</p> <p>21 Widen.</p> <p>22 Q. Prior to May of 2020, did you know why she sold</p> <p>23 any of her stock in Windy Waters back to the</p> <p>24 company?</p> <p>25 A. Prior to May of 2020. So any of the prior</p>	<p>1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>2 A. You know, I think, she was going through the</p> <p>3 divorce, and I believe, I, I don't remember</p> <p>4 specifically when I was made aware of, of it, but</p> <p>5 I guess the first thing that I can specifically</p> <p>6 remember is the, you know, she was dealing, she,</p> <p>7 she had called or texted Reed that she needed some</p> <p>8 funds due to the divorce, and my dad, you know,</p> <p>9 was, was kind of, had shut her out of any, any</p> <p>10 monies. You know, she needed, she was actually</p> <p>11 kind of, she was actually kind of worried because</p> <p>12 she had, like, not a lot, like, a couple thousand</p> <p>13 dollars or something in the bank, and so she</p> <p>14 reached out to Reed to, you know, try to get some,</p> <p>15 some kind of funds from, out of the company. What</p> <p>16 I recall Reed said to, you know, pass it off to</p> <p>17 Kiesler.</p> <p>18 Q. And this is something your mother told you?</p> <p>19 A. Yeah, I'm thinking back to that time, you know,</p> <p>20 the best I can remember.</p> <p>21 Q. Now, at that time did you offer to help your mom</p> <p>22 financially?</p> <p>23 A. Not that I specifically recall.</p> <p>24 Q. If your mom had asked, would you have helped her</p> <p>25 financially?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 77</p> <p>1 A. I can't recall the situation we were in. I mean, 2 we've done some pretty big upgrades on our home. 3 We had to do new siding, kitchen. We had to 4 upgrade both of our cars that had two plus hundred 5 thousand, 150 plus thousand over this last, you 6 know, during that last three years. So my, my 7 family's funds level has kind of gone up and down 8 quite a bit so I don't know if, you know, I can't 9 remember what the situation was at that point.</p> <p>10 Q. If you had funds available would you have helped 11 your mom out?</p> <p>12 A. That's a tough question. I mean, there would have 13 to be specific conversations regarding, you know, 14 what is this, can I give you a loan. I mean, 15 she's my mom, I love her so I would try to find a 16 way, but, you know, without like, and, and what's 17 the sum of money, I mean five dollars versus 50, a 18 hundred, \$500,000, a big difference.</p> <p>19 Q. Did your mom tell you how much money she needed or 20 was looking to get?</p> <p>21 A. Yeah. I mean, she told me that she had asked 22 Kiesler for I think a hundred thousand, and he 23 said that that wasn't possible so she went down to 24 50.</p> <p>25 Q. Would you have been willing to cosign a loan for</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 79</p> <p>1 A. I -- 2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. 3 Mischaracterizes his testimony. Also calls for 4 speculation. 5 A. I'm not telling you that, no. 6 Q. It's likely you would have done it; right? 7 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. 8 Mischaracterizes his testimony. 9 A. Again, there's a lot of specifics that, that go 10 on. I mean I, I have a wife, too, right. I have 11 to, and, again, it's, I don't know what I had in 12 the bank at that time. I don't know what 13 obligations I had. I, I love my family, including 14 my mother, and, yeah, I mean, but I don't, I can't 15 answer, right. It's too many details that I can't 16 recall right now. 17 Q. Is there a possibility in your mind you would have 18 told your mother no? 19 A. It is possible. 20 Q. It is. Is it a possibility in your mind you would 21 have told your mother yes? 22 A. It is possible. 23 Q. Okay. You were telling me that she told you that 24 she had reached out to Reed Widen and he had 25 passed her off to Mike Kiesler; correct?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 78</p> <p>1 her for \$50,000? 2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Calls for 3 speculation. 4 A. Yeah, I don't know. I mean, it's, I'd have to, 5 like, I'm very, I work really hard so I'm, I'm 6 kind of careful with things so I don't know. I 7 mean, it would depend specifically on that 8 situation for, the situation, the financial 9 situation I was in at that time. I had kids, too, 10 that I have to feed, mortgages to pay. Obviously, 11 I would do anything I can to, you know, make sure 12 she's not in, you know, homeless, right, but, 13 again, without specific, a specific deal as far as 14 numbers, agreements, all those things, because 15 obviously, when you start to work with money and 16 family, shit can go wrong. 17 Q. Well, you told me she's your mother and you dearly 18 loved her; right? 19 A. M-hm. 20 Q. Yes? 21 A. Correct. 22 Q. So if your mother in May of 2020 would say, I'm 23 desperate, I need \$50,000, would you please sign 24 a loan or cosign a loan for me, are you telling me 25 you wouldn't have done it?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 80</p> <p>1 A. That's what I recall. 2 Q. Did she tell you anything else about any 3 conversations that she had with Reed Widen in that 4 time frame relating to her need for money? 5 A. What's the time frame, like -- 6 Q. Prior to May 2020, let's say a couple months 7 before then. And I mean to include May of 2020 as 8 well. 9 A. Yeah, I mean I, from reviewing the Complaint I, 10 there was the conversation or comment about 11 possibly having to go through Milmont. 12 Q. And I don't want you to repeat to me what you read 13 in the Complaint. I want to know what your mother 14 told you. 15 A. Yeah, and I can't remember if she told me that at 16 the time or if I'm recalling it because of the, 17 you know, the Complaint document. It's possible 18 that she said, oh, Reed said, you know, in the 19 conversations that she had with me, oh, Reed said 20 that we may have to go through Milmont. 21 Q. Is it possible she didn't tell you that as well? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. So as you sit here -- 24 A. That I recall from the Complaint. 25 Q. So as you sit here today what you remember your</p>

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<p>1 mother telling you just prior to May 13 of 2020 or 2 somewhere within the month or two before that is 3 she reached out to Reed Widen and said, I need 4 money, and Reed Widen passed her off to Mike 5 Kiesler; true?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, that's what I recall.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you remember any more details about, your 8 mother telling you relating to her conversation or 9 conversations with Reed Widen at that time?</p> <p>10 A. No, not that I can recall.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. All right. What did your mother next tell 12 you after she explained to you that she reached 13 out to Reed Widen and he passed her off to Michael 14 Kiesler?</p> <p>15 A. I mean, there were multiple conversations in that 16 period of time which was, you know, whatever that 17 handful of days, and, you know, she, she told me 18 that Kiesler couldn't give her 50,000 even. She 19 told me that they, Kiesler said that she's got to 20 sell all of her stock, it's the only way that they 21 could make it happen, which I, that didn't make 22 sense to me, because I'm, and I, I, I, she didn't 23 want to do that, and I advised her that it 24 probably wasn't, you know, great.</p> <p>25 Q. When did you tell her that?</p>	<p>1 make sense to me. They're basically saying, 2 Mike's basically saying, you can't, I can't give 3 you a little bit, relatively small amount of 4 50,000, but I can give you, if you give us your 5 entire shares, I can give you a much larger 6 amount. So it was like, it wasn't jibing.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. What do you remember your mother telling 8 you next about her need for money?</p> <p>9 A. That she was, she didn't know what to do, she, she 10 felt, she was in distress, she felt under pressure 11 because I think there was, like, a, you know, you 12 had, she had to come and sign the paperwork right 13 away. She was kind of freaking out, and, of 14 course, I was extremely busy at work so she was 15 texting me, you know, call me when you get a 16 chance, now Kiesler said this. I don't know, 17 there was just a, it was kind of a crazy time, and 18 she was just in distress is --</p> <p>19 Q. Did you -</p> <p>20 A. -- what I remember.</p> <p>21 Q. Did you give her any recommendations or 22 suggestions?</p> <p>23 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>24 A. I recall in regard to the, you know, the deal and 25 Kiesler? I recall saying I would talk to a tax</p>
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<p>1 A. When did I tell her that?</p> <p>2 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>3 A. Well, just when she, in the conversation when she 4 said, yeah, Mike Kiesler said that I have to sell 5 all my stock or get nothing, that it's a take it 6 or leave it deal. I was like really, that's, 7 that's not good. And she, she was, like, no, it's 8 not, I don't want to do that at all.</p> <p>9 Q. Did you tell her why you didn't think that was a 10 great idea?</p> <p>11 A. I mean, just because, and she kind of, she, it's, 12 it's the only major asset that she has, right, 13 it's what she has for the rest of her life. So I 14 think, you know, I don't remember if she had 15 actually said that when I said, oh, that's not 16 good. And the other thing that I thought to 17 myself is if they can't give you 50,000, how are 18 they going to give you the value of the entire, 19 you know, your entire 20 percent or 20-ish 20 percent, that doesn't make any sense.</p> <p>21 Q. In addition to thinking that to yourself, did you 22 also tell your mother that?</p> <p>23 A. I believe I did.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay.</p> <p>25 A. Because I just, I just like, wait, it just doesn't</p>	<p>1 accountant because, you know, you, depending on 2 how this potentially kind of plays out, the tax 3 implications could be different depending how it's 4 structured, the amounts, all those kind of 5 things.</p> <p>6 Q. And did you speak with a tax accountant?</p> <p>7 A. Did I?</p> <p>8 Q. Yes.</p> <p>9 A. Not in regard to this, no.</p> <p>10 Q. I thought you told me you told your mother you 11 would speak to a tax accountant. Did you mean she 12 would or did you mean you would?</p> <p>13 A. No, I mean, I said you, mother, should talk to a 14 tax accountant, yeah.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. And do you know if she did?</p> <p>16 A. The only thing I recall on that is she said, she 17 asked Kiesler about taxes, and Kiesler said, I 18 can't really help you, I'm not a CPA, or something 19 to that effect, but I think it'll help you by 20 getting more money. And I remember thinking to 21 myself, that doesn't make sense either because 22 when you get more money you get taxed more, and I 23 think I said that to her, that doesn't make sense. 24 But I don't, I don't specifically remember, other 25 than saying, I asked Kiesler about taxes, I don't</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 85</p> <p>1 specifically remember her telling me that she had 2 spoken to a separate tax accountant. 3 Q. Did you suggest or recommend to your mother that 4 she speak with an attorney before doing any 5 transaction? 6 A. I don't believe I did that because she was talking 7 to an attorney. 8 Q. And who was she talking to? 9 A. I know at this time I believe it was Scott Seid 10 and another person from the same firm that Scott 11 works for that was the person that was 12 representing her for the divorce. 13 Q. Did you suggest or recommend to your mother that 14 she have an attorney review the financial records 15 of the company before doing any transaction? 16 A. I didn't do that. I mean that was, I, I thought, 17 you know, I'm not an attorney so I thought if 18 she's talking to an attorney, they'll advise her 19 that you should get financial records that I can 20 review, you know. 21 Q. Did you recommend or suggest to your mother that 22 she get financial records of the company before 23 entering into any transaction? 24 A. I don't believe I said that. Because she was 25 talking to an attorney, I thought that an attorney</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 87</p> <p>1 time, you know, you absolutely shouldn't do that, 2 I think she would have, she would have, it would 3 have been tough on her because I think she, I 4 don't know what else she would have done. Again, 5 I was with a couple small kids, a family, a very 6 stressful, demanding job. I was, I was getting 7 pulled in a lot of directions, too. But I don't 8 recall saying, absolutely don't go and do that. 9 I, you know, she was in a position she needed to 10 do something. 11 Q. You said a couple times your mom was distressed. 12 Describe that distress for me. 13 A. I mean just, you know, you can tell when you're 14 talking to someone that you love that they're 15 under pressure, you know, the definition of 16 stress. You can tell that she was stressed out. 17 You could tell that she didn't really, she felt 18 kind of cornered because of the all or nothing 19 option. She also was, like, running out of money. 20 She couldn't get a, you know, there are these 21 times limits, you know, like, all these things 22 pile on that, that put her in a position where she 23 was distressed. I mean, like, how are you going 24 to pay your rent; you have to make a decision in a 25 short period. You're potentially having to sell</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 86</p> <p>1 would advise her to, to ask for financial records 2 and all the other important documents that you 3 would need to review before selling basically 4 your, you know, the biggest asset in your whole 5 life. 6 Q. And what are those documents? 7 A. I don't know. I am not an attorney so I wouldn't 8 know what those documents are. I would, I would 9 confer with a, you know, someone that would be an 10 expert. 11 Q. Did you ever try to reach out to an attorney on 12 your mother's behalf prior to the transaction on 13 May 13 of 2020? 14 A. I didn't because she was advising me that she was 15 talking to an attorney so it sounded like she was 16 in, you know, good hands. 17 Q. Did you ever recommend to your mother that she not 18 enter into the transaction on May 13 of 2020? 19 A. I don't specifically recall doing that. I mean 20 we, you know, like I said, it was, it was, she 21 knew that I didn't think it was a, a great idea to 22 sell all the stock, but that's the position she 23 was in. She didn't want to sell all the stock, 24 but that was the only option she was given. She 25 was in distress. If I would have told her at that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 88</p> <p>1 your entire, you know, stock. You're going 2 through a divorce. You know, just the, the, the 3 list goes on. You can just, I can tell, being 4 close to my mother, I can tell when she's 5 distressed. 6 Q. Was she screaming, crying? What symptoms did you 7 see to suggest to you that she was distressed? 8 A. Using, yeah, crying, using profanity, like I 9 can't, you know, f-ing believe this, I don't know 10 what the hell to do. 11 Q. Did you think it was a bad idea for her to do the 12 deal? 13 A. Like I said, I, I didn't think, I, I didn't think 14 it was a good idea for her to sell the entire 15 stake, but she had no other option. 16 Q. Did you offer her any other option, you're her 17 son, you love her, did you say, mom, don't do it 18 but here's another idea? 19 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Asked and 20 answered. 21 A. You know, again, she was working with an attorney. 22 I thought that she was, you know, in the best 23 position she could be. I didn't know the, you 24 know, the attorney relationship at the time. I'm 25 no expert in these kind of deals either so, yeah,</p>

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<p>1 I don't, I, I can't recall if I gave her other 2 ideas. 3 Q. I mean, did you suggest for her that she sell her 4 beautiful car? 5 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Form. 6 A. What's the -- I don't remember. What car did she 7 have at that time? 8 Q. Whatever it was, did you suggest she sell it? 9 A. I, I, no, I didn't because I think she only had 10 one car and she would need to get around, right, 11 so I don't think that was necessarily an option. 12 Q. Did you suggest that she sell her gold and silver? 13 A. No. 14 Q. All right. Did you suggest that she try to get 15 a loan from somebody? 16 A. Not that I recall. 17 Q. Okay. 18 A. Honestly, like in a, in a, now that I think about 19 it, my thing would be if, that there could be, 20 like, Kiesler could have offered those options, 21 right, hey, you may not want to do this. 22 Q. No, I didn't ask about Kiesler. I asked if you 23 made those recommendations or suggestions. 24 A. Right, I'm just answering in the way, what's 25 coming off my mind.</p>	<p>1 A. Via, are you talking to an attorney type of 2 situation, yes, but specifically going into what 3 her attorney should have her look at, no, I didn't 4 do that. 5 Q. Let me make sure I understand your answer. 6 Did you suggest to your mother that she hire 7 somebody to look at the financial records of the 8 company before engaging in the transaction? 9 A. Not specifically hire someone to look at the 10 financial records, but, again, and I didn't 11 suggest that, I don't even think I suggested she 12 get an attorney because she was already talking to 13 an attorney, so, yeah. 14 Q. Well, the reason I ask that is your mother 15 testified to that. 16 A. To what? 17 Q. That you suggested that she get someone to look at 18 the financial records in the company before she 19 did the transaction, and I just want to find out 20 from you if that's true or false. 21 A. I mean, I did tell her, like I do, I do recall her 22 having, talking to her about looking for a tax 23 accountant. I don't specifically recall about 24 having someone look at the financial records. 25 Q. Did you suggest to your mother that she get an</p>
<p>1 Q. Did your mom tell you that Kiesler told her that 2 Windy Waters didn't care one way or the other 3 whether she sold her stock back to the company but 4 if she did sell, it had to be all of it? 5 A. So there's two parts, right. Did, did, did 6 Kiesler say that she didn't, that they didn't care 7 if she sold? I don't think so. And, obviously, 8 they did care because they wanted to buy it all. 9 And then secondly -- What was the second portion? 10 MR. LAING: Why don't you read that 11 question back. 12 (Question read) 13 A. Yeah, the first part I don't recall, and the 14 second part, yes, it was an all or nothing 15 option. 16 Q. Did you suggest to your mother that she have 17 somebody look at the financial records of the 18 company before she sold her stock in May of 19 2020? 20 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Asked and 21 answered. 22 A. Yeah, I mean I would have, with her working with 23 an attorney, I, it's assumed that would, that 24 would happen. 25 Q. So did you make that suggestion to her?</p>	<p>1 attorney before entering into the transaction on 2 May 13 of 2020? 3 A. She already had one. 4 Q. That wasn't my question. Did you suggest to your 5 mother or recommend to your mother that she get an 6 attorney prior to entering into the May 13, 2020, 7 transaction? 8 A. I did not suggest that because she already had 9 one. 10 Q. Do you know why she would testify that you did 11 suggest that and she didn't do it because she 12 didn't have time? 13 A. I don't, you know, I can't speak for why she would 14 say that. 15 Q. Did your mother tell you that she's not going to 16 get an attorney because she doesn't have time? 17 A. Yeah, I mean she couldn't, I remember at the time, 18 and that was part of her distress, she couldn't 19 get ahold of her attorney, I do remember that 20 because of the, the tight timeline. 21 Q. Well, on May 6th, your mother says, you 22 recommended to her that she get an attorney, and 23 she didn't sign the transaction papers until 24 May 13, so that's a week; right? 25 A. Is it? I don't know.</p>

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<p>1 Q. Well, May 6th to May 13th --</p> <p>2 A. I'd have to look at a calendar.</p> <p>3 Q. -- is always a week.</p> <p>4 A. I'd have to look at a calendar.</p> <p>5 Q. Why don't you pull up a calendar on your phone and</p> <p>6 let me know if that's a week or not.</p> <p>7 A. I don't have a calendar that's easy to look at.</p> <p>8 Q. Let me show you I can pull it up for you.</p> <p>9 Okay. I'm showing you a calendar from</p> <p>10 May of 2020, and can you tell me whether there's a</p> <p>11 week between May 6 of 2013 and May 13 of 2020?</p> <p>12 A. It is a week, yeah. Sorry, I'm just not good at,</p> <p>13 like the mental math. I've got to look at it.</p> <p>14 Q. Seven days is always a week; right?</p> <p>15 A. Yes, that would be a definition of a week.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. All right. So my question to you is,</p> <p>17 did your mother tell you that she wasn't going to</p> <p>18 accept your recommendation that she get an</p> <p>19 attorney because she didn't have the time?</p> <p>20 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent</p> <p>21 that it mischaracterizes or assumes facts not in</p> <p>22 evidence.</p> <p>23 A. She didn't tell me that she wasn't going to get an</p> <p>24 attorney, she told me that she couldn't get ahold</p> <p>25 of her attorney.</p>	<p>1 was done because she was working with one so it</p> <p>2 was kind of like, it was over. What I do recall</p> <p>3 is having her talk to, you know, the attorney was</p> <p>4 done, she's represented. I do remember</p> <p>5 specifically saying get an accountant, get a tax</p> <p>6 accountant to make assure you, you structure</p> <p>7 things as best can you.</p> <p>8 Q. And did you follow up on that, to your</p> <p>9 knowledge?</p> <p>10 A. The tax accountant?</p> <p>11 Q. Yes.</p> <p>12 A. Well, she asked Kiesler.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay.</p> <p>14 A. Kiesler said he couldn't help.</p> <p>15 Q. Did she do anything beyond that, to your</p> <p>16 knowledge?</p> <p>17 A. I don't recall if she had told me and she had</p> <p>18 talked to, you know, her accountant or, or</p> <p>19 investment manager.</p> <p>20 Q. I want to make sure I understand your testimony</p> <p>21 on suggesting an attorney to your mother prior to</p> <p>22 May 13 of 2020. Initially you told me repeatedly</p> <p>23 that you didn't do that and then you've just told</p> <p>24 me that it's possible you did that. Did you do</p> <p>25 it, didn't you do it, don't you remember doing it?</p>
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<p>1 Q. All right. Did you ever tell your mother that you</p> <p>2 were going to try to get ahold of an attorney on</p> <p>3 her behalf prior to May 13 of 2020?</p> <p>4 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>5 Q. Did you ever tell your mother that you tried to</p> <p>6 reach out to an attorney to help her but that</p> <p>7 attorney didn't have time to do what you were</p> <p>8 asking him to do?</p> <p>9 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection.</p> <p>10 A. Prior to the stock redemption in May of 2020, not</p> <p>11 that I recall, no.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. Your mother testified that you suggested</p> <p>13 that she hire an attorney. Are you telling me</p> <p>14 that that's untrue?</p> <p>15 A. What's the, what timing?</p> <p>16 Q. Prior to May 13 of 2020.</p> <p>17 A. So what I can recall, I mean, that, that sounds</p> <p>18 like something that I would say, hey, you're</p> <p>19 entering into this huge potentially life-changing</p> <p>20 transaction, so I may have said that, but then she</p> <p>21 was working with an attorney, which was, again,</p> <p>22 Scott and, and the other person from the firm</p> <p>23 that, from the divorce. That's what, that's what</p> <p>24 I can recall. I just remember basically, if I did</p> <p>25 say that, it was kind of like the attorney thing</p>	<p>1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I'm going to --</p> <p>2 Q. What's your testimony?</p> <p>3 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I'm going to object to</p> <p>4 the extent that it mischaracterizes your</p> <p>5 testimony, but you can go ahead and answer.</p> <p>6 A. Yeah, I mean, so I don't, it, it wasn't, it, it</p> <p>7 was kind of like a non-issue at the time because</p> <p>8 she had, she then advised me that she had an</p> <p>9 attorney which was Scott. So I don't, it's not</p> <p>10 something that I remember, there's, it, I may have</p> <p>11 said at that time, you really should have an</p> <p>12 attorney, and she just answered, I have one, I'm</p> <p>13 working with Scott or what, something to that</p> <p>14 effect. So then that was done. So there was no</p> <p>15 further conversation.</p> <p>16 So my answer to that is I may have said</p> <p>17 that, I may have and just don't recall it. If</p> <p>18 she's saying I did, well, then that's the,</p> <p>19 there's, I mean, it is something that I would</p> <p>20 likely say, because if I was entering into a</p> <p>21 transaction, I would be, the first thing I would</p> <p>22 be doing is trying to get an attorney.</p> <p>23 Q. Would you have entered into a transaction like</p> <p>24 this that's life changing you said without having</p> <p>25 an attorney review things?</p>

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1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Calls for 2 speculation. 3 A. Into a, a, this exact same, like a stock 4 transaction or something like that? 5 Q. Yes. 6 A. I, I initially wanted to say no, but I actually 7 just had a, a, a transaction or an event happened 8 at my company and my shares, and I don't believe I 9 had an attorney look at it. It wasn't my entire, 10 my entire, it wasn't life changing, it was a 11 fairly significant amount of money though. 12 Q. How much was that? 13 A. I think my, my, I mean I think I sold a hundred 14 thousand shares, something like that. 15 Q. How much did you receive? 16 A. I sold about a hundred thousand in, in shares. 17 Q. And how much did you receive for your shares? 18 A. About a hundred thousand. 19 Q. All right. 20 A. I mean before taxes. But, yeah, I, yeah, I don't, 21 I guess, no, that's why, I think that's why, you 22 know, she had an attorney representing her from 23 what I understood so, and, and, no, if I was 24 selling all my shares or there was, something felt 25 off, which obviously it did for her, it's, but I'm	Page 97 1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 2 A. To anybody. I think I reached out to a colleague 3 in the, in our PE practice and asked, you know, 4 hey, what are, how are software companies, you 5 know, valued or, or something like that, just to 6 get some, because I didn't really necessarily 7 know, but he works in that world so I was just 8 curious, you know, to get some kind of baseline to 9 advise my mom. 10 Q. And when did you do that? 11 A. Sometime between the period of the time that she 12 told me she was having the conversations with Reed 13 and Kiesler and the redemption so -- 14 Q. And what's this person's name? 15 A. Jason Stuke. 16 Q. How do you spell his last name? 17 A. S-t-u-k-e. 18 Q. Where does he live? 19 A. I think he lives in the, over in the Milwaukee 20 area. 21 Q. Okay. And what was his position at the time? 22 A. His position? 23 Q. Yes. 24 A. I don't know the title, his title. 25 Q. Do you know who he worked with at the time?
Page 98 1 speculating on a lot of things here, but no, I 2 probably wouldn't do, I would have talked to an 3 attorney as well. 4 Q. Did your mother tell you that Scott Seid was 5 representing her in the matter? 6 A. Yeah, I mean it was Scott and this divorce 7 attorney person. I didn't know the ins and outs 8 of, you know, who they were representing and 9 attorney-client stuff like that. 10 Q. But my question is, did your mother tell you that 11 Scott Seid was representing her personally in the 12 transaction? 13 A. I don't think she specifically said that. I mean 14 she said, she would refer to Scott as, you know, 15 my attorney, but I don't think she used those 16 words. 17 Q. Did she ever tell you that she spoke to Scott Seid 18 about anything relating to this transaction? 19 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 20 A. About anything, I can't, I mean I remember she 21 couldn't get ahold of him. I don't recall her 22 saying that. 23 Q. Did you ever reach out to anybody, whether an 24 accountant or an attorney on your mother's behalf 25 prior to May 13 of 2020?	Page 98 1 A. HUB International. 2 Q. And what did that person tell you? 3 A. I don't, I mean I, I think it was, look, it's a 4 multiple of, of revenues typically, I don't 5 remember the specific conversation. You know, he 6 kind of went into, well, it depends a lot of 7 things, on, you know, what the, what their balance 8 sheet is, what their, what the, what the specific 9 software is, those kind of things. But he was, 10 like, it's all about multiples, right, is is 11 basically what I kind of remember. It didn't, the 12 conversation didn't give me a ton of, of help. 13 Q. Okay. Did you share any of that with your mother? 14 A. I don't think so because like I said, the 15 conversation really didn't, it didn't give me a 16 lot of help, it didn't give me a lot of, he was 17 kind of like, look, generally it's this, but I 18 don't know anything about this company, right, so 19 it's hard for me to say. So I don't believe I -- 20 I think I told my mom, hey, yeah, I talked with a 21 guy and he, it didn't really help, didn't give, 22 didn't give us any good idea of what, if you're 23 getting some fair deal or anything like that. 24 Q. Did you ever tell your mother that you reached out 25 to someone on her behalf but the person didn't

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<p>1 have time to do what you were asking him to do?</p> <p>2 A. I, I, I don't recall. I mean it's possible.</p> <p>3 I don't, in, in what, what, like what was the</p> <p>4 person?</p> <p>5 Q. I'm just asking if you ever told your mother that</p> <p>6 you reached out to anybody on her behalf but the</p> <p>7 person didn't have the time to do what you wanted</p> <p>8 that person to do.</p> <p>9 A. That's a possibility. I can't recall what that</p> <p>10 would be though.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. I was just going to ask you, do you recall</p> <p>12 reaching out to anybody on your mother's behalf</p> <p>13 and asking them to do something?</p> <p>14 A. Ever in life?</p> <p>15 Q. In connection with this transaction.</p> <p>16 A. Yeah, I do.</p> <p>17 Q. Who was that?</p> <p>18 A. I don't remember the name of the firm but it was</p> <p>19 basically when my mom was, you know, after she had</p> <p>20 found out about the sale and --</p> <p>21 Q. And I'm sorry --</p> <p>22 A. Okay.</p> <p>23 Q. -- to cut you off, but I was talking pre-May 13 of</p> <p>24 2020. So let me ask that again.</p> <p>25 A. Yeah.</p>	<p>1 can you do that. You know, the, the attorney</p> <p>2 confirmed the tax accountant talked to someone.</p> <p>3 Then some time passed and another time limit</p> <p>4 became in place.</p> <p>5 Q. And let me interrupt. Those time limits you're</p> <p>6 referring to are time limits given to your mother</p> <p>7 by the company?</p> <p>8 A. Correct, yeah.</p> <p>9 Q. Were there --</p> <p>10 A. I'm sorry, go ahead.</p> <p>11 Q. Were there other time restraints that your mother</p> <p>12 had that related to the divorce proceeding during</p> <p>13 this period of time?</p> <p>14 A. I'm not, I'm not aware of any, no.</p> <p>15 Q. Are you aware of a motion that your father had</p> <p>16 filed for maintenance payments by your mother that</p> <p>17 they were negotiating in the May 6th time frame</p> <p>18 and there was a hearing coming up on May 8, 2020,</p> <p>19 on that issue that your mother was stressed out</p> <p>20 about?</p> <p>21 A. I mean she was generally stressed about the</p> <p>22 divorce, but I don't remember a specific, you</p> <p>23 know, her specifically saying anything about any</p> <p>24 hearing or anything, no.</p> <p>25 Q. Did you know that your father was asking the court</p>
<p>1 Q. Prior to May 13 of 2020, do you ever remember</p> <p>2 telling your mother that you reached out to</p> <p>3 someone on her behalf and asked the person to do</p> <p>4 something but the person told you he didn't have</p> <p>5 time to do it?</p> <p>6 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. So we were up to the point where you were</p> <p>8 telling me that Michael Kiesler told your mother</p> <p>9 that the company wasn't willing or interested or</p> <p>10 something like that to provide her with a hundred</p> <p>11 thousand dollars or \$50,000 but was willing to</p> <p>12 redeem all of her stock; is that right?</p> <p>13 A. Correct.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. And then take me from there, the</p> <p>15 conversations between you and your mother</p> <p>16 pre-signing the redemption agreement on May 13</p> <p>17 of 2020.</p> <p>18 A. I mean, there were the conversations around, you</p> <p>19 know, did you talk to a tax accountant, did you,</p> <p>20 you know, are you represented by an attorney. I</p> <p>21 believe after a couple days, you know, of the</p> <p>22 first, that's the thing, that there was, like,</p> <p>23 these time limits that kind of kept going and she</p> <p>24 was, like, I have to make a decision, like,</p> <p>25 tomorrow. And I'm, like, that's crazy, like, how</p>	<p>1 to order your mother to pay him maintenance?</p> <p>2 A. At the time, I'm not sure if I did. I do know</p> <p>3 that my mom said that, you know, that my dad had</p> <p>4 kind of, like, locked him out of or locked, you</p> <p>5 know, locked him out of, locked her out of the</p> <p>6 account. She didn't have access to monies and</p> <p>7 those things.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. Anyway, so go ahead and continue with what</p> <p>9 you were telling me about the time frame here.</p> <p>10 A. Oh, where was I. It was, oh, the time, okay. You</p> <p>11 know, she was stressed out, she had to make a</p> <p>12 decision. I think she went back and asked Kiesler</p> <p>13 for like, hey, why it seems low, why is that</p> <p>14 number low. Kiesler then advised her that she</p> <p>15 would go back, he'd kind of go back to the drawing</p> <p>16 board and see if he could find any more, which</p> <p>17 then, I don't know a day or two passed and there</p> <p>18 was a higher offer, which I think ended up being</p> <p>19 the final one. I believe at that time she was</p> <p>20 trying to get ahold of Scott, you know, right</p> <p>21 before that. I think she, you know, she was,</p> <p>22 then, then there was, like, I remember her texting</p> <p>23 me or calling me and saying, you know, I have to</p> <p>24 go over there and sign this before the end of the</p> <p>25 day because that's the deadline, and basically,</p>

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<p>1 you know, I'm kind of, this is where I'm, I'm 2 stuck, I have to go and do it. 3 Q. And did you -- 4 A. That's kind of what I remember. 5 Q. Did you recommend that she not do it? 6 A. I don't believe so. 7 Q. Did you recommend she do it? 8 A. I don't believe so. 9 Q. Do you remember anything else other than what 10 you've told me about relating to your 11 conversations with mother, with your mother during 12 the couple weeks prior to May 13, 2020, relating 13 to this redemption? 14 A. No. 15 Q. Did you discuss the topic of your mother's 16 potential sale of her stock with anyone other than 17 your mother and this person at your company prior 18 to May 13, 2020? 19 A. I mean I don't, I don't specifically remember, but 20 I'm sure I did with my wife, just because we have 21 those conversations. 22 Q. Anyone else that you can recall? 23 A. Not that I can recall. I may have. I would have 24 to be prompted though on or get some kind of 25 memory to, to kick that back up, you know.</p>	<p>1 redemption agreement in, on May 13, 2020, on, on 2 that topic? 3 A. On the redemption topic? 4 Q. Yeah. 5 A. I know that there were text messages on that 6 topic. I believe the tax accountant was a text 7 message. 8 Q. Is this from you or your mother? 9 A. It would have been me sending it to my mother. If 10 I'm recalling correctly, I believe that was one of 11 the text messages but there were, but I don't 12 remember the context or content of those. 13 Q. Are you telling me that you know as you sit here 14 today that you sent some text messages to your 15 mother on this subject but you can't remember when 16 and exactly what was in them? 17 A. Correct. I know there was text messages going 18 back and forth on this subject because like I 19 said, I was really busy at work, she would text 20 me, you know, call me, even stuff like that, but, 21 yeah, I can't remember the context specifically. 22 Q. Okay. What do you remember about text messages 23 you sent to your mother during that time frame on 24 this topic? I know you said you sent one that you 25 recall about the tax, the tax accountant.</p>
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<p>1 Q. Do you recall what you told your wife prior to 2 May 13, 2020, regarding the transaction with your 3 mother? 4 A. I don't recall any specific conversations. 5 Q. Did you make any notes of any of your 6 conversations with your mother prior to May 13, 7 2020? 8 A. I may have written down a note, I do do that, but 9 I don't recall what it would have been. 10 Q. Do you still have that note? 11 A. No. 12 Q. Do you recall sending any text messages? 13 A. Actually, actually, I retract that. I do put the 14 notebooks that I write in into a, into a desk at 15 my house. I, there's things that I don't know 16 what, honestly, how long they go back. I could 17 page through notes like that and potentially find 18 something. 19 Q. Is it all chronological? 20 A. I jump all over, no. Generally, it would be, 21 but -- 22 MR. LAING: What was my last question? 23 (Question read) 24 Q. Do you recall sending any text messages to your 25 mother in the weeks prior to her signing the</p>	<p>1 A. What do I remember in regard to the text messages? 2 Q. That you sent to your mom. 3 A. That I sent. I can't recall any, any other 4 specifics. 5 Q. Okay. What do you remember telling her in the 6 text message regarding the tax accountant? 7 A. Something to the effect of, hey, you should talk 8 to a tax accountant because you can structure a 9 deal like this one way and get taxed at 10 20 percent, you can structure it another way and 11 get taxed at 40 percent. So it can be, you know, 12 with a deal this big, it could be multiple hundred 13 thousand dollar swing in taxes so it's going to be 14 important to do that, something to that effect. 15 Q. And I might have asked you this before but I'm not 16 sure. Do you know whether your mother followed up 17 on your recommendation and actually talked to some 18 tax accountant on that topic? 19 A. I'm not a hundred percent sure. I mean, I 20 believe, like I said, I, I think my last answer 21 was I believe that she talked to, like, her wealth 22 advisor or, or investment advisor, if I recall 23 correctly. 24 Q. Prior to your mom signing the redemption 25 agreement, did you have any knowledge as to how</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 109</p> <p>1 the sale amount was calculated?</p> <p>2 A. No, I didn't.</p> <p>3 Q. Prior to your mom signing the redemption agreement</p> <p>4 on May 13, 2020, had you ever seen any of the</p> <p>5 financial records of Windy Waters or Widen</p> <p>6 Enterprises?</p> <p>7 A. Not that I can recall. In, in regard to the, the</p> <p>8 calculation for the value, too, I just, I remember</p> <p>9 asking, like, my mom, like, where did that number</p> <p>10 come from, you know, and, she, she couldn't really</p> <p>11 explain it.</p> <p>12 Q. What did she tell you when you asked her that</p> <p>13 question?</p> <p>14 A. I don't know. I'm, like, well, that just seems</p> <p>15 kind of crazy where, I mean, you, you need to get</p> <p>16 the back story of where that number came from</p> <p>17 otherwise it just came out of thin air, right?</p> <p>18 I, I just remember that conversation. I don't</p> <p>19 remember, you know, she may have said there's,</p> <p>20 like, a calculation that they used, and that's</p> <p>21 what led up to me going, well, how did, talking to</p> <p>22 Jason Stuke and going, you know, how does, you</p> <p>23 know, a company like this typically do a</p> <p>24 transaction like this. I believe that's what</p> <p>25 happened. Because the, there wasn't a lot of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 111</p> <p>1 Q. Do you know whether your mother ever requested any</p> <p>2 financial records for the companies?</p> <p>3 A. I'm not, I don't know.</p> <p>4 Q. Did you suggest to your mother or recommend to</p> <p>5 your mother that she request financial records of</p> <p>6 the companies before entering into the May 2020</p> <p>7 transaction?</p> <p>8 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Asked and</p> <p>9 answered.</p> <p>10 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>11 Q. Did your mother ever tell you that she asked for</p> <p>12 financial records of the companies and was told</p> <p>13 no?</p> <p>14 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I'm sorry. Could you</p> <p>15 read the question back.</p> <p>16 (Question read)</p> <p>17 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. Are you aware that your mother was the</p> <p>19 president of Widen of Windy Waters -- of Windy</p> <p>20 Waters at any point in time?</p> <p>21 A. No, I was not.</p> <p>22 Q. Do you recall anything other than what you've</p> <p>23 already told me about any conversations your</p> <p>24 mother had with Reed Widen relating to her need</p> <p>25 for money or selling stock in 2020?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 110</p> <p>1 clarity as to where the number had come from, for</p> <p>2 me.</p> <p>3 Q. At least to your understanding.</p> <p>4 A. For me or, you know, my mom couldn't really tell</p> <p>5 me either.</p> <p>6 Q. Did you ever ask your mom how can you do or agree</p> <p>7 to a deal this way if you don't even know where</p> <p>8 the number is coming from or something to that</p> <p>9 effect?</p> <p>10 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>11 A. I mean like I said, no I, I don't think I said</p> <p>12 that. I said where did the number come from, and</p> <p>13 I, I don't, the explanation that I got from her</p> <p>14 didn't kind of compute with me, I guess. I</p> <p>15 didn't, I didn't totally understand.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. Do you know one way or the other whether</p> <p>17 your mother regularly reviewed financial records</p> <p>18 of the companies?</p> <p>19 A. I don't know for sure.</p> <p>20 Q. Do you know one way or the other whether your</p> <p>21 mother had access to the financial records of the</p> <p>22 companies?</p> <p>23 A. I, I mean my assumption, and I think it's pretty</p> <p>24 accurate, is that she did not have access or</p> <p>25 review financial records, but I don't know.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 112</p> <p>1 A. Any conversations, not, not specifically, no, I</p> <p>2 can't.</p> <p>3 Q. And do you recall any conversations that your</p> <p>4 mother told you about that she had with Michael</p> <p>5 Kiesler other than what you've told me about today</p> <p>6 in the deposition during 2020?</p> <p>7 A. Any conversations she had with Michael Kiesler.</p> <p>8 In the whole year of 2020?</p> <p>9 Q. Let's say prior to May 13 of 2020.</p> <p>10 A. I mean there was something, I don't remember when</p> <p>11 this was, there was something about her key didn't</p> <p>12 work or something when she had gone to the office</p> <p>13 to get, like, some paperwork or sign some</p> <p>14 paperwork. I remember her, you know, I remember</p> <p>15 her telling me about it because Kiesler came</p> <p>16 across as very cocky was the word that she used,</p> <p>17 and she just told me about it in the, a</p> <p>18 conversation. I believe Kiesler also commented</p> <p>19 that, you don't have a key because you're just a</p> <p>20 landlord or something like that. That's --</p> <p>21 Q. Anything else?</p> <p>22 A. That's all I can remember, you know, without being</p> <p>23 prompted for some kind of other memory.</p> <p>24 Q. All right. Did you have any basis as of May 13,</p> <p>25 2020, to believe in your mind one way or the other</p>

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<p>1 whether \$1.3 million was a fair price for your 2 mother's stock?</p> <p>3 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Form. 4 THE WITNESS: What was the question 5 again. I'm sorry. 6 (Question read)</p> <p>7 A. Well, yeah. I mean, I knew -- There was a few 8 points, I mean, from the conversation in February 9 of 2020 that Reed and I had would point to the 10 fact that it was worth much more than 1.3 million. 11 The fact that my wife works there and just kind of 12 hearing her have conversations about, you know, 13 their annual revenues. I think she was doing 14 nearly that amount in just new business of 15 1.3 million because she does sales for them. 16 So I mean, a company of their size, which I think 17 at that time, you know, had something like a 18 hundred employees, I mean, yeah, that number is 19 just small knowing what I know and some of the, 20 you know, just listing some of the reasons that 21 number would be so small. 22 Q. Do you know whether your mother had a right to 23 insist that the company purchase her stock in May 24 of 2020? 25 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent</p>	<p>1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Form. Calls 2 for speculation. 3 A. I mean, you're talking, you're talking some, you 4 know, life-changing decisions. Again, I have 5 kids, it's not just like I have extra space, 6 things like that. I mean, again, there would have 7 to be a lot of conversation around that. 8 Q. Well, if your mother called you in May of 2020 and 9 said, listen, I'm not going to sign the agreement, 10 I'm running out of money, can I live with you, 11 you're telling me you'd have to think about it and 12 get back to her? 13 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Form. Calls 14 for speculation. 15 A. I mean, I mean, well, regarding the specifics of 16 it, like, what's the time, all those things, but, 17 yeah, I would, I would help my mother out as, as 18 best as I could. Again, it's a conversation, too, 19 with my wife. 20 Q. Sure. 21 A. You know, you know, what is that going to do to 22 the kind of a family unit and all those things so 23 it's a tough one to answer. But, yeah, I would 24 help my mom as much as I can. 25 Q. I, mean if it's between your mom living on the</p>
<p>1 that it calls for a legal conclusion. 2 A. Yeah, I wouldn't, I don't know. 3 Q. When your mother made the decision to sign the 4 agreement, what did she tell you about that, if 5 anything? 6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 7 A. I mean, honestly, she didn't really have a 8 decision from her perspective. She was stuck, 9 right, it was like, I need, I'm going to run out 10 of, I have a couple thousand dollars left and I 11 don't know where I'm going to get it, and it's 12 either I have to do it or I, I get -- or 13 nothing. 14 Q. Let's come talk about that. I'll come back to my 15 question. 16 A. Okay. 17 Q. You say she didn't have a choice because she 18 didn't have any money and that was going to give 19 her money; right? 20 A. The, the redemption would? 21 Q. Yes. 22 A. Yeah. Yeah, yeah. 23 Q. What do you mean she needed that money? I mean, 24 wouldn't you have allowed her to move in with 25 you?</p>	<p>1 street and living with you it's a no-brainer; 2 right? 3 A. Right. 4 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objections. 5 Q. So what exactly did your mother need the money 6 for? 7 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. 8 Foundation. 9 Q. If you know. 10 A. I mean, I don't know. I, I wasn't, I don't know 11 what she wanted to, you know, spend money on, but 12 I know she had, she had to pay rent, she had an 13 apartment in McFarland, she had to buy food, she 14 had to pay gas, pay insurance, I mean, all those 15 things. You have to, you need to live, right. 16 From what I understand, she only had a couple 17 thousand dollars which, you know, rent these days, 18 that would eat it up. 19 Q. Well, she had other options; didn't she? 20 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Foundation. 21 A. I don't know if there were any other options. 22 Q. Well, one immediate option would be selling her 23 car that she had probably over \$20,000 in equity 24 in and moving in with you to get her through her 25 crunch, that's one option she had; right?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 117</p> <p>1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Foundation. 2 Calls for speculation. 3 A. I think had she known -- Here's the thing, like, I 4 don't know, like, so she didn't know, I don't 5 believe at the time that her stock was worth, you 6 know, 20, 30 times what it, what she got. I don't 7 think she knew that. She didn't have the 8 information that Reed had in regard to the calls 9 and solicitations he was getting. She doesn't 10 understand software businesses like a Matthew 11 Gonnering or a Mike Kiesler or Reed Widen would 12 know where they know they can get multiples of it. 13 I didn't know that either, honestly. 14 So I mean here's the thing, if she, if 15 those, those guys, the leadership would have told 16 the shareholder, hey, Stacy, here's all the 17 information you should know, honestly, I think she 18 would have done anything to not sell her stock, 19 right. She would have done anything to be, like, 20 God, if I can just hold out for a short period of 21 time, I could get 30 times, maybe more what 22 they're offering me now. But so, so, but she 23 didn't know that, right. 24 Q. Why didn't you tell her that, you knew that? 25 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Assumes</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 119</p> <p>1 don't want to, and I told Reed and my mom this 2 many a times, you, know, like, hey, you know, I, 3 I, Reed would kind of complain about my mom, my 4 mom would kind of complain about Reed, something 5 about the business like I talked about earlier, so 6 I didn't want to get in the middle of it. That's 7 not my responsibility to do that. I don't want to 8 look like the bad guy to Reed, I don't want to 9 look like the bad guy to my mom, that's what I was 10 thinking at the time, and it wasn't my 11 responsibility to do that. My hope was that they 12 would do that. 13 Q. So you intentionally -- 14 A. But now that I, but now that I know that they 15 didn't do that, she didn't have the information to 16 make the decision that she did. 17 Q. So you -- 18 A. And, and that like I'm saying, no one in their 19 right mind would have done the deal that she did 20 with the information, with all the information. 21 Q. So you're saying you consciously and intentionally 22 decided to not tell your mother that in May of 23 2020, is that what you're telling me? 24 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. 25 Mischaracterizes his testimony.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 118</p> <p>1 facts not in evidence. 2 Q. No, no. You knew as of May 13, 2020, what Reed 3 told you three months earlier. Why didn't you 4 tell your mom that? 5 A. I, I, I didn't, I hoped, Kiesler, Mike, 6 or Gonnering or Reed would. 7 Q. I know you hoped that but why didn't you tell her 8 that? 9 A. I don't get, I don't get in the middle of that 10 kind of stuff. 11 Q. But you knew your mother -- 12 A. I never have. 13 Q. -- was going to cut this deal that was distressing 14 her, you love your mother. Why didn't you say, 15 hey, mom, Reed told me just three months earlier 16 this? 17 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. 18 Q. Why didn't you tell her that? 19 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Assumes 20 facts not in evidence. Argumentative. 21 A. It wasn't, I, I didn't want to get in the middle 22 of it because that puts me, again, you have to 23 remember my relationship with Reed, he's like a 24 second father, a best friend, I love him. My 25 mother is my mother, love her dearly, okay. I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 120</p> <p>1 A. You know, I, I can't, you know, now that I'm 2 thinking about the timing, too, when she, that 3 memory came back to me clearly after the sale and 4 my mom said, I can't believe this, did you know 5 they were going to sell, it prompted that memory 6 of the conversation with Reed in Arizona. 7 Q. So in May of 2020 you didn't remember that 8 conversation, is that what you're telling me? 9 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent 10 that it mischaracterizes his testimony. 11 A. I wasn't going to say, I, I can't recall if I 12 remembered it at the time, but generally, even if 13 I did remember it, that's what I'm saying, like, I 14 didn't really insert those conversations. I 15 didn't go, if I had a conversation with my mom 16 about, you know, her, her being upset with 17 something Reed did regarding the companies, 18 whatever, and by that, I mean, she didn't really 19 know, but, like, you know buying a car was one of 20 the things that I heard. I wouldn't go to Reed 21 and be, like, you know, hell, my mom's really mad 22 about the car, right, nor would I go, you know, 23 take that conversation that I had with Reed and, 24 and go tell my mother. Just generally I tried to, 25 you know, not get in the middle of that, because</p>

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<p>1 of the relationship, relationships that I have. 2 Q. But this isn't a car, this is a life-changing 3 event for the mother that you dearly loved; 4 correct? 5 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. 6 Argumentative. Asked and answered. Form. 7 A. Correct. 8 Q. Did you suggest to your mother before May 13 of 9 2020 that she ask anybody at the company about 10 prospects for sale? 11 A. I think she did ask. 12 Q. That's not my question. Listen to my question. 13 MR. LAING: Read it back. 14 (Question read) 15 A. I didn't, and the reason that I would is because 16 directors, officers, owners, shareholders, 17 presidents, whatever you want to call them of a 18 company have a responsibility in my mind, and I 19 see it as a shareholder, my CEO tells us in our, 20 in our quarterly updates or semi-annual updates 21 everything about the company, they talk about how 22 they're going to bring, they're going to pay us 23 dividends, they're going to bring value to the 24 shareholders and the other stakeholders in the 25 company so I didn't say that because I would have</p>	<p>1 Q. Does the president have the responsibilities to be 2 up to speed on the financial situation of the 3 company? 4 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent 5 that it calls for a legal conclusion. 6 A. And I mean, and what's, define up to speed. 7 Q. Well, current, knowledgeable. 8 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection. 9 A. I mean, the CFO is the more important person with 10 the finances, right, and most -- I would say that 11 generally the president, yeah, should know the 12 financial health of the company. 13 MR. LAING: I don't know when you want to 14 break for lunch, but I'm fine going through or -- 15 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Now is fine. 16 MR. LAING: -- or breaking. 17 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Whenever you, whenever 18 it's convenient. 19 MR. LAING: Well, I'm happy to go 20 through, too. Probably have another hour, hour 21 and a half. 22 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Why don't we take a 23 half. 24 MR. LAING: Okay. 25 (Break taken)</p>
<p>1 thought that the, that the, the, the leadership 2 within Widen Enterprises would have told her 3 that. 4 Q. What responsibilities do a president of a company 5 have? 6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent 7 that it calls for a legal conclusion. 8 MR. LAING: Well, he just told me a 9 president has responsibilities. I want to ask him 10 what responsibilities are those. 11 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection. 12 A. I mean, you know, I, I, I, there's a lot of 13 responsibilities that a president has, right. 14 Q. Let's -- 15 A. Or CEO or CFO. 16 Q. Let's limit it to the president. What 17 responsibilities does a president of a company 18 have to its shareholders? 19 A. I mean, I don't know the, I guess legal or, you 20 know, you know, the rules of a fiduciary, things 21 like that, but generally what the president knows, 22 the shareholders should know. It should, it 23 should be all on the, you know, yeah, it's, it's, 24 everyone knows the same things as far as the 25 company.</p>	<p>1 Q. Earlier today in your deposition you testified 2 about comments made by your mother, and I think 3 you also said your father regarding, I don't know 4 if you said complaints or not, but I interpreted 5 it as complaints relating to your mother's failure 6 to get certain benefits from the companies versus 7 Reed or maybe others getting other things like 8 cars, that stuff. Do you remember that testimony 9 generally? 10 A. Yeah. 11 Q. I want to come back and just ask you a little more 12 details on that. 13 Was this something that was just 14 discussed on occasion, or do you recall one 15 specific occasion where it was discussed? 16 A. I mean, it was discussed on occasion and this is 17 going back a long time, I mean, I think even when 18 my dad was working at the company, just things, 19 you know, I, I think it's kind of common in family 20 businesses for the, the interested parties to be, 21 you know, concerned about the fairness of things. 22 And, yeah, so there were just, it was just like, 23 almost like, like budget conversations or things 24 like that that I would overhear my parents talk 25 about or they'd be talking about at the dinner</p>

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<p>1 table. And I think it was just, and then, and 2 then after the, after the, my dad wasn't employed 3 there anymore, you know, I would hear it from time 4 to time, too, like, you know, we're, we're not 5 getting any value out of the company as in, you 6 know, really anything from what I understand so I 7 would just hear those general conversations. 8 There was one time at my house on Winnequah more 9 recently, I don't remember, but I don't remember 10 the context of what the kind of the complaint was 11 or what the topic of discussion was honestly.</p> <p>12 Q. Are you able to give me any time frame during 13 which these comments were made? I know you said 14 it went back a long time.</p> <p>15 A. Yeah, I mean, it was, like I say, for probably 16 20-ish years, I mean, putting myself, I'm thinking 17 about when I'm 20 years old and I feel like I, 18 that I kind of started to hear that stuff.</p> <p>19 Q. Were they, were they just kind of grumblings or 20 were they, like, this isn't fair, it's improper, 21 or what, what were the tones?</p> <p>22 A. Yeah, I mean it was grumblings, there was, there 23 was questions about, like, how did, you know, how 24 did Reed buy out one of the brothers, you know, 25 where did the funds come from for that, you know;</p>	<p>1 from the companies or was it more like we have a 2 right to get something and we're not getting it or 3 somewhere in the middle?</p> <p>4 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>5 A. I mean it was, it was, you know, we're not getting 6 anything and it doesn't feel right, I feel is what 7 they, they, they felt, I'm talking my mom and my 8 dad. My mom would, you know, she never really 9 wanted to rock the boat though and go to and, and 10 push on that. I think she wanted to kind of keep 11 things between the family members as smooth as 12 possible because she had seen the way things had 13 gone between her brothers and infighting about the 14 business and things like that when things would 15 come to a head so, yeah, I mean, I think it was, 16 we're not getting anything and it doesn't seem 17 right, feel right to them.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. Did your mother ever complain about Reed 19 Widen's compensating from the companies?</p> <p>20 A. Yeah, I mean it was like, I know Reed's getting 21 paid a bunch of money and we're not getting 22 anything type of thing, yeah.</p> <p>23 Q. Did she ever suggest to you that that was an 24 unfair amount of compensation being paid to 25 Reed?</p>
<p>1 I, I was never given the opportunity to buy out 2 one of the brothers. I mean, that's one specific, 3 you know, complaint or grumbling that I can 4 remember. The other specific one that I can 5 remember, and this is related more to the cottage, 6 but it was kind of the same tone of conversation 7 was, like, well, where, you know, the, the, where 8 did the money for the pontoon trade-in go, you 9 know, like just not, not having the, the 10 transparency or, or the insight into where, what, 11 you know, kind of some of these things were 12 happening.</p> <p>13 Q. Do you remember your mother ever complaining about 14 not receiving dividends or distributions from the 15 companies?</p> <p>16 A. Yes. I mean, that, that was kind of like we're 17 not getting anything, right, out of the company, 18 that was kind of, yeah, and I don't remember the 19 word distribution used, but, gosh, you know, you 20 know Reed keeps saying the company is doing really 21 good or whatever but we're not seeing anything out 22 of it.</p> <p>23 Q. All right.</p> <p>24 A. So, yeah.</p> <p>25 Q. Was it more like we're not really getting anything</p>	<p>1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>2 A. I mean, I, I don't know, I don't think, I don't 3 know if it was she thought what Reed was getting 4 was unfair, but it was more the fact that she 5 wasn't getting anything was the, more the concern. 6 I mean, if she would have been getting let's say a 7 dividend, you know, or some kind of shareholder 8 value, I think his compensation would be somewhat 9 irrelevant.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. When you first talked to your mother in I 11 think it was probably May of 2020 about her going 12 to Reed and asking for some money because she 13 needed some money, did she tell you the first time 14 you talked as to how much money she thought she 15 needed? And I'm trying to draw a distinction 16 between how much money she asked for versus how 17 much money she thought she needed.</p> <p>18 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I'll object to form, but 19 go ahead and answer.</p> <p>20 A. I, I don't recall, I mean, it didn't go, I don't 21 recall it going like she called me or texted me 22 and said, hey, I have, you know, I, I, I think 23 I'm, I'm having a hard time recalling the, the 24 timeline, be it, did she tell me before she 25 reached out to Reed that she was, I don't remember</p>

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<p>1 if she did, or if it was after, but I don't, I 2 also don't remember her giving me any kind of 3 number prior to that other than, you know, later 4 on when she said Kiesler told her that she 5 couldn't get a hundred and she asked for 50 and 6 she, he also said no to that. I think that's the 7 first time I heard, you know, number, specific 8 numbers.</p> <p>9 Q. Prior to May 13 of 2020, had your mother ever told 10 you how much money she thought she needed?</p> <p>11 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. And 12 just for clarity, you're asking ever?</p> <p>13 Q. I meant in connection with this May time frame.</p> <p>14 A. I don't recall her telling me that, you know, what 15 specifically she, she was looking for.</p> <p>16 Q. Prior to May of 2020, had your mother ever told 17 you that she needed money?</p> <p>18 A. Ever. I don't think she, not that I can recall, 19 no.</p> <p>20 Q. Has your mother ever asked you for a loan?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. Has your mother ever asked you to give her any 23 money?</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 Q. Do you know one way or the other whether your</p>	<p>1 homes.</p> <p>2 Q. At some point in time did the market change such 3 that they owed more on some of those properties 4 than those properties were worth?</p> <p>5 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Foundation.</p> <p>6 A. I, I'm not, I don't know on that.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you know whether your mother and/or your father 8 ever asked the banks which had liens on the 9 property to take a discount because they wanted to 10 do a short sale on a property?</p> <p>11 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Foundation.</p> <p>12 A. I'm not aware of them asking the bank that, no.</p> <p>13 Q. Do you know whether the banks ever did that?</p> <p>14 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection.</p> <p>15 A. I, I believe there was, I think there was a short 16 sale. I'm not, I'm not sure though.</p> <p>17 Q. Do you know anything about the amount of the 18 shortness for that sale?</p> <p>19 A. I don't.</p> <p>20 Q. I had asked you earlier about drafts of the 21 Complaint, and there was an objection by counsel 22 on some of those questions. Do you remember that 23 generally?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. Okay. My question to you is whether or not you</p>
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<p>1 mother ever asked any of her brothers or her other 2 family members for a loan?</p> <p>3 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Foundation.</p> <p>4 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. Do you know one way or the other whether 6 your mother ever asked any members of her family 7 for money, other than the time we're talking about 8 now?</p> <p>9 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection.</p> <p>10 A. I believe years ago, I believe she reached out to 11 my grandfather, her father about, about money. I 12 don't remember the context, if they were buying a 13 house or something, but I, I somewhat recall 14 that.</p> <p>15 Q. And do you remember if her father gave her the 16 money?</p> <p>17 A. I don't, I don't. I think, I believe, my guess 18 would be yes, but I don't know.</p> <p>19 Q. Do you know anything about your mother's and your 20 father's ownership of real estate in Florida?</p> <p>21 A. A little bit, yeah.</p> <p>22 Q. What type of properties had, had they purchased in 23 Florida?</p> <p>24 A. I believe they were, you know, they were, like, 25 single family or duplex type homes, rental</p>	<p>1 reviewed any draft Complaints.</p> <p>2 A. Are you talking the, the one that I signed in, in 3 September?</p> <p>4 Q. No, that's a, that's a -- Oh, you mean your power 5 of attorney, is that what you're referring to?</p> <p>6 A. No, just a couple weeks ago.</p> <p>7 Q. Oh, your declaration?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Yeah, no, no. I'm talking about the Complaint 10 that was filed in July in this case.</p> <p>11 A. Did I review the draft Complaint? Not that I 12 recall.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. Now, you did participate in some meetings 14 with lawyers prior to the filing of the Complaint; 15 correct?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. When did you first learn that Widen 18 Enterprises was going to be sold?</p> <p>19 A. At the golf course in the Upper Peninsula.</p> <p>20 Q. Do you have a date for that or an approximate date 21 for that?</p> <p>22 A. What was that, I think August of, you know, August 23 before, because I think it sold in September so it 24 was the month before that, I believe.</p> <p>25 Q. Okay. And who was golfing with your group?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 133</p> <p>1 A. Reed, myself, Ryan Ely, Rod Bochen, Mark Winter, 2 Dave Bisbee. 3 Q. And you told me earlier about some comments that 4 you said Reed Widen made during that outing; 5 correct? 6 A. Did we cover that? I don't remember what we 7 talked about on it. 8 Q. I think we did, but my question to you is, as a 9 follow up, were those comments that you attributed 10 to Reed Widen made on the course, in the 11 clubhouse, some other occasion? 12 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Form. 13 A. I mean, the, the conversation happened in multiple 14 locations at that, it's like a resort golf course, 15 then we went to dinner, we were in the car. So 16 there were comments throughout that whole weekend 17 about, you know, this, this sale that was 18 happening. Obviously, it was on top of mind of 19 Reed, it was kind of a big deal. 20 Q. Tell me specifically what you remember Reed saying 21 what you heard about the impending sale. 22 A. That, you know, there was 162 million, which was, 23 like, you know, a huge sum, that the deal hadn't 24 closed yet but it was going to soon, that the 25 calls he was taking was regarding, you know,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 135</p> <p>1 is, you know, it's, it's not a good situation 2 obviously. Those are the things that are coming 3 to mind right now. 4 Q. Do you remember anything else that he told you? 5 A. I can't remember those conversations really. I 6 mean, what I just said is what I can remember. 7 Q. Okay. Did he tell you that the reason Stacy, 8 meaning your mother, wasn't entitled to any of the 9 proceeds from the sale was because she wasn't a 10 shareholder at the time of the sale? 11 A. No. 12 Q. Did he expand at all on, on what you told me he 13 said that Stacy wasn't entitled to it or something 14 like that? 15 A. No, I don't think so. It was just, you know, 16 there's, it was just kind of anger with, with her 17 for bringing, you know, for questioning it and 18 bringing the lawsuit. So there wasn't really, you 19 know, this, well, it wasn't really indepth 20 conversation about the legal portion of it, it was 21 just, you know -- 22 Q. Did Reed Widen ever tell you that he had offered 23 to give your mother a \$1 million gift? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. What did he tell you about that?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 134</p> <p>1 finalizing the deal. There was conversation in 2 the, in the truck on the way over to dinner about 3 it with Ryan Ely, and I can't remember 4 specifically what that was but I know we were 5 talking about it. I can't remember the specifics 6 though right now. 7 Q. After the closing, which was in September of 2021, 8 have you ever had any discussions with Reed Widen 9 relating to your mother? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. Okay. How many? 12 A. Oh, quite a few. I mean, particularly right after 13 the closing when, you know, the, the legal stuff 14 was starting to come to light. 15 Q. Okay. Well, what did he tell you, and what did 16 you tell him? 17 A. He said that, you know, he, there was a lot, 18 right, there was a lot of conversations. He said 19 that, he said that he did, you know, that, that he 20 did everything by the book, that Stacy didn't, you 21 know, deserve to get paid out. You know, he would 22 ask me, like, if I had talked to my mom recently, 23 general stuff like that. I'm trying to think of 24 what else. I mean, I would tell him, look, I 25 don't really want to be in the middle of it, this</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 136</p> <p>1 A. I think that, that may have been actually the 2 conversation that was had in the truck up in the 3 UP was the first time I had heard about the 4 million dollar gift; well, I'm going to give Stacy 5 a million dollar gift and, you know, have her sign 6 off on a release. And then shortly after that, I 7 think he told my mom about that gift. And I 8 believe my mom told me, too, like, hey, Reed had 9 offered me a million dollar gift. 10 Q. And what was your reaction when your mother told 11 you that? 12 A. I already knew because he had already told me. 13 Q. Did you respond or give any reaction to your 14 mother when she told you that Reed Widen was 15 prepared to give her a million dollar gift? 16 A. No, not really. 17 Q. Did you have a reaction to it? 18 A. Not that I can really recall. You know, like, 19 like Reed had already told me, so I knew, I didn't 20 tell my mom that because again, I don't, I'm not 21 the conduit between those two, nor the company 22 things, so, no, I don't recall any particular 23 reaction. 24 Q. Okay. After you heard what you heard in the UP 25 about a month before the sale, did you share any</p>

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<p>1 of that information with your mother? 2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I'll object to form. 3 A. I mean, I'm trying to remember. I, I believe, I 4 didn't tell her, I didn't tell her anything until 5 after Reed had told Stacy that the, the sale was 6 happening. 7 Q. Okay. 8 A. What I would have told her I don't, you know, I 9 told her about the conversation in February 2020 10 when she, you know, prompted that memory. 11 Q. After the sale in September of 2021, did you 12 recommend to your mother that she hire an attorney 13 to sue Reed Widen? 14 A. No. 15 Q. After the sale in September of 2021, did you 16 recommend that she hire an attorney? 17 A. So the conversation with that was, like, I can't 18 believe this is happening, I can't ever imagining 19 trusting Reed again because of the information 20 that was kind of missed or not given to her prior 21 to the sale. And I said to her -- She's, like, I 22 feel like I, you know, want to sue him. And I 23 said something to the, the, you know, I feel like 24 I was wronged, well, my mom said this, I feel like 25 I was really wronged, and, you know, I want to</p>	<p>1 lawsuit? 2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 3 A. No. 4 Q. Did you help her look for attorneys to represent 5 her in a lawsuit? 6 A. Yeah, I did -- I mean, I had the relationship 7 through the real estate and clients and things 8 from a different attorney here, and I reached out 9 to him, and, you know, told him the story and, and 10 connected my mom with the current team. 11 Q. Other than lawyers at this law firm, the Reinhart 12 law firm, did you contact any other lawyers on 13 behalf of your mother? 14 A. I did. It was, I don't remember the name of the 15 firm, it was, it was a, it was a firm that I had 16 seen in the paper that was doing the New Glarus 17 Brewing, and so I'm like, well, this is similar, 18 right, it was shareholder disagreements, but I, 19 you know, they, at first they didn't call me back 20 for a while, and I think I called again, because I 21 also hadn't heard back from this firm, and they 22 were, they basically said that they, they, they 23 couldn't help because of their caseload. And then 24 Reinhart ended up getting back, and that's, it all 25 went that way.</p>
<p>1 talk to a lawyer potentially but then that's going 2 to ruin the relationship. And I said to her, mom, 3 if you're never going to trust him again, you're 4 never going to have a relationship anyways because 5 without trust, you don't have a relationship. 6 And, you know, she was, like, she was 7 kind of torn, like, what do I do, do I just go on 8 with life, take this million dollar gift and have 9 this, you know, non-relationship with my, my 10 brother, or do I, you know, contact an attorney 11 and see where this goes. And I kind of just put 12 it out there and said, look, you got two options, 13 right, you either just go with it, you don't have 14 a relationship with Reed because you're never 15 going to trust him again or you get a lawyer and 16 you find out where it goes. And I also said to 17 her, if you don't, if you go the, the way of just 18 letting it go, are you going to have, are you 19 always going to look back and go, God, I wish I 20 would have done something. And I think she kind 21 of came to the conclusion that what she wanted to 22 do, the best thing that she could do for her 23 conscience and for her finding the truth was to go 24 the route that she went. 25 Q. Would you say you encouraged her to file a</p>	<p>1 Q. Other than those two firms, did you have 2 discussions with any other law firm on behalf of 3 your mother? 4 A. No, I believe it was just those two. 5 Q. Do you know where the other law firm was located? 6 A. I think in Dane County. 7 Q. Why did you take that responsibility on your 8 shoulders instead of having your mom do it? 9 A. She didn't, she didn't really, I mean, she would 10 have gone through, like, the, the Yellow Pages. 11 She didn't have any contacts. Really the only one 12 that I did was here, and I didn't know if they 13 would help, because I didn't, you know, I don't 14 know a lot about this firm. And I believe she 15 asked, like, hey, who would I talk to, right, so 16 yeah. 17 Q. But I guess my question was, why didn't you give 18 your mom those two firm names that you had and let 19 her do the ground work, why were you calling on 20 her behalf? 21 A. I've, I've called law firms in the past about, 22 about other things, they don't call you back. 23 It's, it helps to have a contact, which I did 24 here. 25 Q. But on the other firm you didn't?</p>

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<p>1 A. I did not. 2 Q. So why didn't you give your mother the name of 3 that firm and have her call, why were you doing 4 that? 5 A. It was just kind of like I'm going to, if I'm 6 going to reach out to the one that I do have a 7 contact, I'll reach out to this other one that 8 I've seen in the paper, I don't know, rather than, 9 I'll just, that's kind of what I do is see a job 10 through or a task rather than divide it up and did 11 you call and I called them, and I'll just do it 12 all, it was two calls. 13 Q. Do you have any stake in the outcome of this case? 14 A. What kind of stake? 15 Q. Any kind. 16 A. I mean obviously -- 17 Q. But -- 18 A. -- the relationships. It's a huge stress on the, 19 the relationships involved. 20 Q. But you're the one that suggested it and then 21 pursued and ultimately found a lawyer for your 22 mom; right? 23 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection to the extent 24 that it mischaracterizes his testimony. 25 A. Yeah, I didn't, I mean, she asked, I guess there's</p>	<p>1 A. Yeah. 2 Q. Did you help her at all with that need? 3 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. 4 A. Giving her money? 5 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Asked and answered. 6 Q. Assisting her and getting money, giving her money, 7 loaning her money. 8 A. I did. 9 Q. Talking to bankers. 10 A. I counseled her on, on that situation. 11 Q. What did you tell her? 12 A. I mean, it was just, like, things about the 13 valuation, you know, not, you know, selling all 14 the stock isn't a great idea, trying to calm her 15 down, you know, things maybe to say to Kiesler 16 when she met with him, you know, questions to ask, 17 like, hey, how did you get to that valuation 18 specifically, yeah, just talking her through kind 19 of what I could at the time. 20 Q. Do you know if your mother ever asked Kiesler how 21 he arrived at that valuation? 22 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I'm sorry. Could you 23 read back the question. I just didn't hear it. 24 (Question read) 25 A. I don't know for sure.</p>
<p>1 multiple things there. She asked do you know any 2 lawyers, so the one that I do is here, Reinhart. 3 And like we talked about before, if my mom's in a 4 position, I'll help her if I can, right. I was 5 kind of counseling her. So, yeah, I mean, I 6 helped her find the lawyer and connected her so 7 she could go on the route that she felt was the 8 best, best route for her. 9 Q. Why was it that you were willing to help her when 10 she needed help looking for a lawyer but you 11 weren't willing to help her when she needed money 12 in May of 2020? 13 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent 14 that it mischaracterizes her testimony, his 15 testimony. Also object to form. 16 A. I mean, I did help her in regard to the May 17 situation. Like I said, I was texting, calling, 18 counseling her because she doesn't really have 19 anyone else to do that. She was going through the 20 divorce and whatnot. I'm her only son so I was 21 helping her in those situations. 22 Q. She needed money back then in May of 2020; 23 right? 24 A. Okay. 25 Q. Didn't she?</p>	<p>1 Q. Did your mother ever tell you that Michael Kiesler 2 went through the valuation formula with her? 3 A. I, I don't believe she told me that, no. 4 Q. Did you ever contact any banks on behalf of your 5 mother in May of 2020? 6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Asked and 7 answered. 8 A. I, I didn't because I don't know what I would have 9 said really. 10 Q. Wouldn't you have said, my mom needs some money, 11 can you help her? 12 A. I -- 13 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Calls for 14 speculation. 15 A. I mean, I don't know. I don't think that's how it 16 works. No, I would -- No, I don't, I don't, I 17 didn't reach out to any banks. 18 Q. Well, have you ever obtained a loan from a bank? 19 A. I have. 20 Q. And did you go to the bank and say, I need some 21 money for this? 22 A. Well, yeah, and, like, in regard to a mortgage, 23 something like that, but this wasn't that, right. 24 It was, she was going through a divorce, in a 25 tough situation, right.</p>

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<p>1 Q. Was there anything stopping you from contacting a 2 bank on behalf of your mother in May of 2020?</p> <p>3 A. Like I say --</p> <p>4 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Calls for 5 speculation.</p> <p>6 A. I wouldn't have known what to say. I mean, I 7 can't imagine calling a bank and being, like, hey, 8 my mom needs some money, what can you do. Because 9 I don't, I don't know if there's really an answer 10 for that, right, like, there's usually collateral 11 or something like that.</p> <p>12 Q. Well, you could have given the bank collateral; 13 couldn't you?</p> <p>14 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Calls for 15 speculation.</p> <p>16 A. I suppose I could have, yeah.</p> <p>17 Q. Did you ever consider that?</p> <p>18 A. I don't recall considering that. I mean, I 19 remember talking to my wife a little bit about 20 the, the situation, but, you know, I don't, I 21 don't recall being, like, hey, we can maybe put 22 the house up and put a lien against our house, I 23 don't recall doing that. You know, this is a, 24 this is a family business. I figured, heck, my 25 mom needs money and she's a shareholder, maybe the</p>	<p>1 shareholders and the employees and the clients and 2 all the stakeholders, but, like, the shareholders 3 are at the center of delivering value, and helping 4 them out. I mean, like, the, the, the, the event 5 that just happened where a PE firm came in and 6 bought a stake in, in HUB International it was, 7 the main reason from what I recall that that was 8 done is so that shareholders could get liquidity. 9 So I don't know, it just, it just, it just 10 seemed -- I thought that, I thought that Widen 11 Enterprises would take care of my mom.</p> <p>12 Q. So you thought --</p> <p>13 A. Long story short.</p> <p>14 Q. -- if your mom went to Widen Enterprises in May of 15 2020 and said, hey, can you give me a hundred 16 grand, they would have just given her a hundred 17 grand?</p> <p>18 A. Not just given it. I mean, there's, you know, a 19 give/take, you know, those kind of things, but, 20 yeah, they would, they would have found a way to, 21 you know, help her out. I mean, \$50,000 in, in, 22 you know, from what I understand the success of 23 the company was really not a lot of money, and by 24 the way, again, too, tie that together with the, 25 the, you know, the way that, the all or nothing</p>
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<p>1 business could help, right. The company's doing 2 really good, my wife worked there, I knew that, 3 so, like, right.</p> <p>4 Q. So if you're a shareholder --</p> <p>5 A. They're, they're also bringing in 30 some million 6 dollars a year. I certainly didn't have those 7 kind of resources and assets.</p> <p>8 Q. So if you're a shareholder in a family-owned 9 business are you telling me that you have a right 10 to go to the company and say, give me money?</p> <p>11 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent 12 that it mischaracterizes his testimony. Also 13 object to the extent that it calls for a legal 14 conclusion.</p> <p>15 A. Yeah, legally I have no idea. I would assume that 16 probably, no. I know I can't go to my company and 17 just say, I need money right now. I do get 18 dividends and liquidity options usually on an 19 annual basis, but, again, it's not the right, it's 20 just doing the right thing, helping people out, 21 you know, adding shareholder value, you know, 22 that's a thing. Like, in my, when we do our, I 23 hear my CEO talk about the, the shareholders and 24 do the shareholder updates it's all about, like, 25 it's, it's, like, we're doing this all for the</p>	<p>1 option was proposed, too, it just, it feels like 2 it was, like, an almost adversarial situation 3 which I didn't think it would be.</p> <p>4 Q. Well, your mom certainly had the right and the 5 ability to say no to the deal; right?</p> <p>6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Calls for 7 speculation. Foundation.</p> <p>8 A. I mean, I, I don't think she had a really, she had 9 a right to do whatever she wanted, right, just 10 like Widen did, but I don't know if she really had 11 an option that she --</p> <p>12 Q. Well, you could have given her an option?</p> <p>13 A. -- that she, that she saw.</p> <p>14 Q. But you could have given her an option?</p> <p>15 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Calls for 16 speculation.</p> <p>17 A. Again, I don't know what option that would be, 18 right. I, I don't know what my financial 19 situation was at that time.</p> <p>20 Q. Well, she didn't need \$50,000 that day; did she?</p> <p>21 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Calls for 22 speculation. Foundation.</p> <p>23 A. I don't know. Like I said, I don't know exactly 24 what she was using the money for but I know it was 25 things like rent, food.</p>

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<p>1 Q. So her rent's not \$50,000; right?</p> <p>2 A. I don't, I don't know what her rent is but that</p> <p>3 seems high.</p> <p>4 Q. You would think it wouldn't be \$50,000; right?</p> <p>5 A. Right. She lives in a pretty small apartment.</p> <p>6 Q. And you could have helped her along if she needed</p> <p>7 money; couldn't you?</p> <p>8 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Calls for</p> <p>9 speculation.</p> <p>10 A. You know, there were lawyer's fees, too. It's</p> <p>11 just, when, when you bring in another, basically,</p> <p>12 basically what you're proposing is bringing in a</p> <p>13 whole other household rent, food, lawyer fees,</p> <p>14 insurance, car payments, whatever there may have</p> <p>15 been, that's, I don't know. I don't know if we</p> <p>16 could have afforded that.</p> <p>17 Q. Well, she could have moved in with you to help</p> <p>18 avoid some of those expenses?</p> <p>19 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Asked and</p> <p>20 answered.</p> <p>21 A. Did she have a lease, I don't know.</p> <p>22 Q. Do you know?</p> <p>23 A. I assume so. She lived in an apartment.</p> <p>24 Q. Did you talk to her about the lease?</p> <p>25 A. In May?</p>	<p>1 know, that specific conversation from multiple</p> <p>2 years ago.</p> <p>3 Q. Now, you were specifically looking for an attorney</p> <p>4 on behalf of your mother to sue your uncle, Reed</p> <p>5 Widen; right?</p> <p>6 A. I was, I was looking for an attorney for her to</p> <p>7 help her decide what the best route to go would</p> <p>8 be. I mean, for all I knew, the attorney may have</p> <p>9 heard the facts of the case and said, Stacy, you</p> <p>10 have, there's nothing here, you know, like, see</p> <p>11 ya.</p> <p>12 Q. And if there was something there, it'd be to sue</p> <p>13 her brother and your uncle, Reed Widen; right?</p> <p>14 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Calls for</p> <p>15 speculation.</p> <p>16 A. I don't know the legal system that well.</p> <p>17 Q. Well, who do you think, who did you think at that</p> <p>18 time when were you hunting for lawyers were the</p> <p>19 possible defendants in the claim by your mother?</p> <p>20 A. I --</p> <p>21 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Foundation.</p> <p>22 A. I had no idea, you know.</p> <p>23 Q. Did you think they were going to sue me?</p> <p>24 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection.</p> <p>25 A. Of course not.</p>
<p>1 Q. Yes.</p> <p>2 A. I don't think so.</p> <p>3 Q. In May of 2020, do you know when her lease was</p> <p>4 expiring?</p> <p>5 A. No, I have no idea.</p> <p>6 Q. Did you offer to your mother to contact attorneys</p> <p>7 on her behalf or did she ask you to do that?</p> <p>8 A. She said, I don't know any attorneys, do you know</p> <p>9 one. I said, I do. And so I contacted them.</p> <p>10 Q. So my question is, did you offer to do that or did</p> <p>11 your mother ask you to do that?</p> <p>12 A. She asked.</p> <p>13 Q. So she said to you, can you contact some attorneys</p> <p>14 for me?</p> <p>15 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent</p> <p>16 that it mischaracterizes his testimony.</p> <p>17 A. I believe what I recall was she said, I don't know</p> <p>18 anyone, do you. And this, again this is a</p> <p>19 conversation that happened however long ago, but</p> <p>20 from what I remember, she was, like, kind of, you</p> <p>21 know, what do I do, I don't know people. So</p> <p>22 either, I may have, when she made that statement,</p> <p>23 I may have said, I know an attorney that I can</p> <p>24 contact for you and try to connect you, or I may</p> <p>25 have said, yes, I do, but I don't remember, you</p>	<p>1 Q. Did you think they might sue Reed Widen?</p> <p>2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Calls for</p> <p>3 speculation. It assumes facts not in evidence.</p> <p>4 A. Anyone related to the companies, particularly in</p> <p>5 the leadership position, would probably be the,</p> <p>6 the most likely, right.</p> <p>7 Q. And that would include Reed Widen; right?</p> <p>8 A. Yes. Reed was I believe the chairman of the</p> <p>9 board.</p> <p>10 Q. Did you have any written communications with this</p> <p>11 other law firm?</p> <p>12 A. I don't believe so.</p> <p>13 Q. Did you have any written communications with the</p> <p>14 Reinhart firm at that time?</p> <p>15 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>16 A. I mean, I believe, written communications as in,</p> <p>17 like, a meeting invite maybe, but I don't remember</p> <p>18 any specific, like, you know, emails going back</p> <p>19 and forth or anything like that.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay.</p> <p>21 A. But I know when the connection was made to</p> <p>22 Reinhart there was a meeting that would be</p> <p>23 scheduled, right, so there'd be a written</p> <p>24 communication that way.</p> <p>25 Q. How many meetings did you attend with the</p>

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<p>1 Reinhart firm prior to the filing of this lawsuit 2 on July 21, 2022?</p> <p>3 A. I think I sat in on I would say probably five or 4 six.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. And who were the people attending those 6 meetings?</p> <p>7 A. My mom and the Reinhart team.</p> <p>8 Q. And you?</p> <p>9 A. And me.</p> <p>10 Q. Did you share any discussions during those 11 meetings with your wife?</p> <p>12 A. Like, the substance of the meetings or --</p> <p>13 Q. Anything.</p> <p>14 A. Yeah, yeah.</p> <p>15 Q. What types of things did you tell your wife about 16 those meetings?</p> <p>17 A. Just the, like, some of the content that, that, 18 that came up.</p> <p>19 Q. What type of content?</p> <p>20 A. You know, what Reinhart told my mom, what my mom 21 told Reinhart, I mean things like that. What the, 22 the lawyers thought may have been, you know, may, 23 what they thought was potential issues, potential 24 issues the way she was treated, things like 25 that.</p>	<p>1 differences. I mean, it's basically kind of the 2 things that are in the Complaint. You know, there 3 was the, the cash, the free cash and the 4 money in the, in the market. It was over, you 5 know, five million dollars or whatever, that there 6 probably were multiple other options that they had 7 to than, other than doing the all or nothing buy 8 my stock or not. Those, those were kind of the, 9 the high level ones that I remember at the time.</p> <p>10 Q. Do you remember telling your wife that the 11 Reinhart lawyers asked your mother why she didn't 12 get an attorney before signing the redemption 13 agreement on May 13 of 2020?</p> <p>14 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Assumes 15 facts not in evidence.</p> <p>16 A. Yeah, I don't recall.</p> <p>17 Q. Do you recall whether you told your wife that the 18 Reinhart attorneys asked your mother why she 19 didn't request any financial records of the 20 companies?</p> <p>21 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection.</p> <p>22 A. Yeah, same answer, I don't recall.</p> <p>23 Q. Do you recall telling your wife about the 24 financial arrangement for attorney fees discussed 25 during any of those meetings?</p>
<p>1 Q. All right. What do you remember specifically 2 telling your wife about what the Reinhart lawyers 3 told your mom during these meetings?</p> <p>4 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Just for clarity sake 5 he's asking specifically what you told Julie.</p> <p>6 A. My wife. I, I mean I think generally what I 7 remember saying is, like, they said that, you 8 know, they'll take the case and because they, they 9 think that there's, you know, she's got some valid 10 complaints or issues.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Did you tell your wife what the Reinhart 12 lawyers told your mother about the weaknesses of 13 her case?</p> <p>14 A. I don't recall. Yeah, I don't recall specifically 15 what I would have told her on the weaknesses. I 16 don't, I don't recall necessarily what I told her 17 at that time, you know, prior to the Complaint the 18 strengths either, I may have.</p> <p>19 Q. Well, you told me you told your wife about things 20 that the Reinhart lawyers told your mother during 21 the meetings. What things were those?</p> <p>22 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection to the extent 23 that this has been asked and answered.</p> <p>24 A. Things like, you know, that they didn't disclose 25 that there was, you know, there was known value</p>	<p>1 A. I do not.</p> <p>2 Q. What do you recall telling your wife about things 3 that your mother told Reinhart?</p> <p>4 A. Telling my wife about things that my mother told 5 Reinhart. I mean, it was, again, I think it was 6 kind of the high level stuff in the Complaint 7 about, you know, that she asked for a hundred and 8 they said no, it was 50, they said no, they 9 couldn't possibly do that; you have to sell all of 10 it. Not disclosing to her that, you know, there 11 was, they knew that the, the firm was worth, 12 you know, super high amounts, you know, nearing a 13 hundred thousand dollars, or a hundred million 14 dollars; that Reed had told my mom that, well, 15 when my mom told Kiesler that, you know -- I'm 16 sorry, when my mom told Reed that the company 17 wasn't doing, you know, in trouble because of 18 COVID and those things, and, and Reed said, you 19 know, that's not true, I don't know why Kiesler 20 would have said that. You know, things about my 21 mom not, not really wanting to push the, rock the 22 boat and ask Reed about financials and things like 23 that because she just over the years kind of got 24 intimidated and didn't want to, you know, anger 25 him. Those are the main things I recall.</p>

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<p>1 Q. Now, you told me there were three general areas 2 that you discussed with your wife, one was what 3 Reinhart lawyers told your mother. The second was 4 what your mother told Reinhart lawyers, and the 5 third, I can't remember exactly what you said but 6 it was something about circumstances of the case 7 or something like that. Tell me what you remember 8 telling your wife on that third topic.</p> <p>9 A. On the circumstances of the case.</p> <p>10 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I'm sorry, what was the 11 third topic?</p> <p>12 MR. LAING: Let's go back and find it.</p> <p>13 (Break taken)</p> <p>14 Q. So before the break, I was trying to locate, 15 actually the court reporter was trying to locate 16 for me, what I was referring to, and, and she has, 17 the three topics that you mentioned that you 18 shared with your wife or what Reinhart told your 19 mother what your mother told Reinhart and then 20 what the lawyers thought may have been potential 21 issues in the matter.</p> <p>22 A. Okay.</p> <p>23 Q. And so I want to follow up on the third one and 24 ask you what you told your wife about what the 25 Reinhart lawyers told your mother regarding</p>	<p>1 objection is. If that objection applied to the 2 prior questions, it's been waived. If this is 3 something different, I don't understand it. 4 What I'm asking you about is this, you 5 attended meetings with your mother and the 6 Reinhart lawyers; correct?</p> <p>7 A. Correct.</p> <p>8 Q. And during those meetings the Reinhart lawyers 9 said certain things that you shared with your 10 wife; correct?</p> <p>11 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent 12 that it mischaracterizes his testimony.</p> <p>13 MR. LAING: That's exactly what he told 14 me.</p> <p>15 A. Well, I, I didn't say specifics it was, like, high 16 level stuff, like, hey, we can move, like, they, 17 they're, they're going to take the case, they're 18 going to move forward, things like that, but not, 19 like, specifics about the, you know, the, the case 20 itself. The, the discussions that we had on 21 specifics was after the Complaint came out, my 22 wife read the Complaint, and, you know, that's, 23 that's when those more specific conversations were 24 had.</p> <p>25 Q. And really I'm not asking about any of those.</p>
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<p>1 potential issues in the case.</p> <p>2 A. Well, I guess to clarify here, too, so I'm talking 3 about I discussed stuff with my wife regarding the 4 Complaint. When I kind of said everything's in 5 the Complaint, I wasn't necessarily discussing 6 with my wife things that were happening in the, 7 the Reinhart meetings, the meetings with Reinhart 8 and my mom. It was more, you know, what, what was 9 in the Complaint.</p> <p>10 Q. I understand why you'd say that, but my question 11 really was different than that. My question was, 12 what did you tell your wife was said by the 13 Reinhart lawyers to your mom in meetings in which 14 you attended where they were discussing potential 15 issues in the case?</p> <p>16 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And I will object to the 17 extent that it would require you to divulge the 18 existence of attorney-client privileged 19 information, and I will instruct you not to answer 20 to the extent that it would require you to divulge 21 that information. To the extent that you can 22 answer without divulging information, please go 23 ahead and do so.</p> <p>24 A. Yeah, I --</p> <p>25 Q. Let me just comment. I'm not sure what that</p>	<p>1 I don't care about those at the moment.</p> <p>2 A. Okay.</p> <p>3 Q. What I care specifically about is what did you 4 tell your wife the Reinhart lawyers told your 5 mother while you were present regarding potential 6 issues in the case?</p> <p>7 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And I'll lodge the same 8 objection and the same instruction.</p> <p>9 A. I don't, I didn't tell my wife anything in those 10 meetings.</p> <p>11 Q. Well, you told me earlier you did. You told me --</p> <p>12 A. I know, but I was talking, I thought you were 13 talking about, like, in regard to, like, the 14 Complaint.</p> <p>15 Q. Well, that can't be because you told me that you 16 told your wife what Reinhart told my mother, 17 that's what you told me. That has nothing to do 18 with the Complaint; right?</p> <p>19 A. Well, right, again at the high level, right.</p> <p>20 Q. I understand that.</p> <p>21 A. Like, Reinhart told my mother --</p> <p>22 Q. I understand that. Then you also told me that you 23 told your wife what your mother told Reinhart 24 during those meetings; correct? Isn't that what 25 you said?</p>

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<p>1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And I'll object to the 2 extent that it mischaracterizes his testimony. 3 You can answer. 4 A. I don't recall that, no. 5 Q. Okay. I, I can assure you that the transcript 6 will use those exact words, okay. Then the third 7 thing you told me that you told your wife was what 8 the lawyers thought may have been, you know, may, 9 what they thought was potential issues in the 10 case. So I want to ask you, what do you recall 11 telling your wife about that topic? 12 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And same objection, same 13 instruction. 14 A. Yeah, I don't recall specifically telling anything 15 like that -- 16 Q. What do you recall generally? 17 A. -- from, from the, from the meetings with, with 18 Reinhart. 19 Q. What do you call generally, what do you recall 20 generally -- 21 A. Like, I do remember telling my wife, I can't talk 22 about specifics of what happened in the meeting. 23 Q. What do you recall generally you told your wife 24 about what the Reinhart lawyers told your mother 25 when you were present about potential issues in</p>	<p>1 talk about specifics of the meetings that happened 2 with Reinhart within the meeting. 3 Q. I'm struggling with that testimony, and I know it 4 comes after a break where you had an opportunity 5 to confer with your lawyers, but you told me under 6 oath today before the break that you told your 7 wife what Reinhart told your mother. Are you now 8 changing that testimony? 9 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I'll object to the 10 extent that it mischaracterizes his testimony, but 11 go ahead and answer. 12 A. Yeah, I mean I was, I wasn't following the, you 13 know, the, the questioning and the timing that you 14 were talking about. Again, I was talking, I was 15 thinking about, like, after the Complaint came out 16 and she had read the Complaint there were 17 discussions that we had. And it wasn't, again 18 there was no, I told my wife when, after meetings 19 with Reinhart with the lawyer was, I can't talk 20 about specifics, you get it, I mean she did, and 21 we didn't talk about specifics about what happened 22 in those meetings. 23 Q. So help me understand. You testified that you 24 told your wife what Reinhart told your mother and 25 what your mother told Reinhart during those</p>
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<p>1 the case? 2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And I'll also object to 3 the extent that it calls for attorney-client 4 privilege. To the extent that you're asking him 5 to waive privilege, he cannot do so, he's not 6 authorized to do so, and that would be acting 7 outside of the scope of his agency so cannot waive 8 such privilege. To the extent that you're able to 9 answer without waving any privileged information, 10 you may go ahead and do so. 11 A. Yeah, the, what, what I would tell her was I can't 12 tell you, we can't talk about specific things that 13 were discussed in the, in the meeting. 14 Q. Yeah, I understand that, but I'm trying to -- You 15 told me that you told your wife about what the 16 Reinhart lawyers told your mother may be potential 17 issues in the case, you told me that already. So 18 now I want to know, what do you recall telling 19 your wife on that subject? 20 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection and same 21 instruction. 22 A. I don't recall telling her specifics on that. 23 I think I was a little confused. I was referring 24 again to the conversation that I had with my wife 25 after the Complaint came out, but we, we didn't</p>	<p>1 meetings that you attended? 2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And I'll object to the 3 extent that mischaracterizes his testimony. 4 Q. And it's virtually word-for-word what you already 5 said. So my question is, help me understand that. 6 Were you just wrong when you told me that, are you 7 changing that, is that accurate testimony? 8 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection. 9 A. Yeah, I was wrong and I misunderstood what you 10 were kind of asking about. Like I said, in the 11 meetings that we had, that I was in, the five or 12 six meetings that I was in with my mom, with the, 13 with Reinhart, I told Julie on those meetings, 14 like, you know, we can't talk about specifics. 15 And she knew that, honestly, she wouldn't even 16 really ask because she knew there's, there's the, 17 no specifics conversation, right. 18 Q. So let's see if we can get a clear record. 19 Did you tell your wife at any point in 20 time what Reinhart lawyers told your mother during 21 meetings where you attended? 22 A. No, other than high level things like it is moving 23 forward. 24 Q. Okay. Did you tell your wife what your mother 25 told Reinhart lawyers during meetings in which you</p>

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<p>1 attended?</p> <p>2 A. I'm sorry. What was the question?</p> <p>3 MR. LAING: Why don't you read it back.</p> <p>4 (Question read)</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. One more time.</p> <p>6 (Question read)</p> <p>7 A. Did I tell my wife what Reinhart lawyers, no.</p> <p>8 Like I said, I didn't tell, we could, we could</p> <p>9 never talk specifics about what happened in the</p> <p>10 meetings with the lawyers.</p> <p>11 Q. So it's wrong that you ever told your wife</p> <p>12 anything about what Reinhart lawyers told your</p> <p>13 mother during meetings that you attended; correct?</p> <p>14 A. Correct.</p> <p>15 Q. And it's wrong that you ever told your wife things</p> <p>16 that your mother told the Reinhart lawyers during</p> <p>17 meetings which you attended; correct?</p> <p>18 A. Correct.</p> <p>19 Q. And it's wrong that you ever told your wife what</p> <p>20 the Reinhart lawyers said regarding potential</p> <p>21 issues in the case during meetings in which you</p> <p>22 attended; correct?</p> <p>23 A. Correct.</p> <p>24 Q. You testified earlier today that, I think --</p> <p>25 Strike that.</p>	<p>1 there's a couple different ways that I could have,</p> <p>2 I could have learned that. It would have been</p> <p>3 conversations with Reed, conversations with Julie,</p> <p>4 because, you know, she would have, like, weekly</p> <p>5 updates, and we talk about work quite a bit with</p> <p>6 Matthew Gonnering. I may have even read it in,</p> <p>7 like, the In Business where they talk about</p> <p>8 company's, you know, revenues and things like</p> <p>9 that, and I know sometimes those revenues and</p> <p>10 stuff are estimated, but those would be probably</p> <p>11 the most likely ways I would have learned.</p> <p>12 Q. Are you certain that as of May 13 or 2020 you</p> <p>13 were aware that Widen Enterprises was bringing in</p> <p>14 \$30 million in revenue per year?</p> <p>15 A. Was I certain at that, that period in time?</p> <p>16 Q. No, are you certain today that you knew that fact</p> <p>17 in, on May 13 of 2020?</p> <p>18 A. I mean I think I've, I knew that, I don't know,</p> <p>19 yeah, I knew it was in that vicinity, about 30.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay. And I think you -- Well, I'm not going to</p> <p>21 ask about recollection. So let me ask the</p> <p>22 question.</p> <p>23 Was your mother and father aware to your</p> <p>24 knowledge as of May 13, 2020, that Widen</p> <p>25 Enterprises was bringing in \$30 million in revenue</p>
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<p>1 When I was asking you questions about</p> <p>2 whether you thought that the deal that your mother</p> <p>3 accepted in May of 2020 for \$1.3 million was fair,</p> <p>4 I think you said something to the effect of no or</p> <p>5 something like that; is that right?</p> <p>6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. Also</p> <p>7 object to the extent that mischaracterizes his</p> <p>8 testimony.</p> <p>9 A. If I thought the 1.3 was a fair number, I believe</p> <p>10 that's what we discussed, yeah.</p> <p>11 Q. And did you tell me you didn't think it was</p> <p>12 fair?</p> <p>13 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection.</p> <p>14 A. Yeah, I think that was in regard to, you know,</p> <p>15 the, you know, the, the information that she had</p> <p>16 or was available to her, yeah.</p> <p>17 Q. And if I remember right, one of the reasons you</p> <p>18 gave me for your opinion was that at the time</p> <p>19 you knew that Widen Enterprises was bringing in</p> <p>20 \$30 million in revenue per year; is that right?</p> <p>21 A. Yeah.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. How did you learn prior to May 13 of 2020</p> <p>23 that Widen Enterprises was bringing in \$30 million</p> <p>24 in revenue per year?</p> <p>25 A. I don't remember specifically. I mean, I think</p>	<p>1 per year?</p> <p>2 A. I don't know what they were aware of, yeah.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. Did you tell your mother prior to May 13,</p> <p>4 2020, that you knew that Widen Enterprises was</p> <p>5 bringing in \$30 million in revenue per year?</p> <p>6 A. Prior to May of 2020?</p> <p>7 Q. Prior to May 13 of 2020.</p> <p>8 A. I don't recall if I did.</p> <p>9 Q. Is that a fact you assumed your mother was aware</p> <p>10 of?</p> <p>11 A. I don't recall assuming that, yeah.</p> <p>12 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that Reed Widen</p> <p>13 would intentionally take advantage of your mother</p> <p>14 for financial gain?</p> <p>15 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>16 I mean, there's one conversation that I</p> <p>17 remember having that, you know, was concerning in</p> <p>18 that manner. Basically we were sitting, I think</p> <p>19 we were up at the cottage and sitting on the dock</p> <p>20 and we were talking about the cottage, and I think</p> <p>21 it was a period of time where my mom was kind of</p> <p>22 going through being a little bit, a little bit</p> <p>23 unstable due to some of the pressures, I think</p> <p>24 with the divorce and my brother and stuff, and I</p> <p>25 believe he said, you know, she'll run out of money</p>

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<p>1 and, you know, then she'll be out, and, you know, 2 I wouldn't, I wouldn't help her out if she needed 3 it, something like that. 4 Q. When did that conversation take place? 5 A. I, within the last, I don't know exactly, I mean 6 within the last few years. 7 Q. After your mother sued him? 8 A. No. It was, it was prior to that, and it was in 9 the summer, you know, June, July, August, 10 something like that, it might have butted up on 11 those other ones, but we were sitting outside, it 12 was a nice day so I don't remember that. 13 Q. Do you remember or do you recall the summer of 14 what year? 15 A. I don't recall the exact year right now. 16 Q. Okay. Do you recall whether it was after your 17 mother turned down the \$1 million gift offered to 18 her by Reed Widen? 19 A. No, it was previous to the lawsuit and the gift. 20 Q. Do you remember when Reed Widen made the offer of 21 a million dollar gift to your mother? 22 A. I believe -- 23 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 24 A. I believe it, yeah, I believe it was September 25 of '21, right after the, right after the, the sale</p>	<p>1 Q. You have to answer. 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. And you know him pretty well; don't you? 4 A. I do. 5 Q. Have you ever found him to be greedy? 6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objections. 7 A. No. 8 Q. Are you aware that in this lawsuit your mother 9 seeks to rescind the Stock Redemption Agreement 10 she signed on May 13 of 2020? 11 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent it 12 calls for a legal conclusion. 13 A. Yeah, I don't, I don't know if I, I don't know, I 14 wasn't -- 15 Q. You don't know either way, is that what you're 16 saying? 17 A. I don't know, I wasn't aware that she called to 18 rescind the, the agreement. I guess I don't 19 totally understand what that means. 20 Q. Did you ever have any discussions with your mother 21 regarding whether she would like to essentially 22 rip up and make null and void the Stock Redemption 23 Agreement she signed on May 13 of 2020? 24 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And I'll object to the 25 extent that it would require you to disclose</p>
<p>1 went through. 2 Q. Okay. So the comment that you're attributing to 3 Reed Widen occurred before September of 2021; is 4 that what you're saying? 5 A. Yeah. 6 Q. And do you know if it was that summer meaning 2021 7 or sometime prior to that? 8 A. I believe it was prior to that. 9 Q. Would you agree with me that Reed Widen is not a 10 greedy person? 11 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 12 Foundation. 13 A. I don't know. I can't recall, I can't, I, I don't 14 know if he's greedy or not. I don't know what's 15 going on in his head. 16 Q. Well, you spent a ton of time with him -- 17 A. I have. 18 Q. -- over the years; right? 19 A. M-hm. 20 Q. And you said he's like your second father; right? 21 You've been on a lot of trips with him; correct? 22 A. I have. 23 Q. You've been over at his house maybe hundreds of 24 times; right? 25 A. (Witness indicating).</p>	<p>1 attorney-client privileged information. To the 2 extent that it would require you to disclose that 3 information, I'll instruct you not to answer. Go 4 ahead and answer though to the extent that you can 5 do so without disclosing privileged information. 6 A. No, she never said that. 7 Q. Are you aware that your mother's been receiving 8 monthly payments for her stock since June of 9 2020? 10 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form and 11 foundation. 12 A. I am aware. 13 Q. Do you know approximately how much she receives? 14 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. 15 Foundation. 16 A. I don't remember the number. 17 Q. Are you aware of any range? 18 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Foundation. 19 A. I, I mean if I had to, were to guess, it'd be, 20 like, 25,000 a month or something. 21 Q. Do you know what your mother has used those funds 22 for since she started receiving them in June of 23 2020? 24 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Foundation. 25 A. I don't really know what she spends her money</p>

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<p>1 on.</p> <p>2 Q. Do you know what she spent her money on at all for</p> <p>3 any reason since May of 2020?</p> <p>4 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection.</p> <p>5 A. No.</p> <p>6 Q. I mean, do you know, for example, if she's taken</p> <p>7 vacations, do you know if she's purchased vehicles</p> <p>8 or property or any of that stuff?</p> <p>9 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection.</p> <p>10 A. I mean, I know that she went, she went on, like,</p> <p>11 an RV trip, I believe. I can't remember where.</p> <p>12 I think she, I think she was down in, I believe it</p> <p>13 was Maryland with some girl friends, that she'll</p> <p>14 go on a, you know, it's, like, kind of an annual</p> <p>15 thing that they do. I'm trying to think. Those</p> <p>16 are the things I can recall right now.</p> <p>17 Q. Do you know what type of vehicle she currently</p> <p>18 drives?</p> <p>19 A. She's got an Infiniti, the big one, a Q, their,</p> <p>20 their big SUV.</p> <p>21 Q. Do you know when she acquired it?</p> <p>22 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>23 Foundation.</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 Q. Was it after the lawsuit was filed?</p>	<p>1 gold and silver. That's really, I think they're</p> <p>2 gold bars, silver bars, something like that.</p> <p>3 Q. Do you know where she keeps them?</p> <p>4 A. I don't.</p> <p>5 Q. Do you know where she's ever kept them?</p> <p>6 A. I mean, I, my, yeah I don't, I don't.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you know if she's ever sold or gifted any of</p> <p>8 those that she got from her parents?</p> <p>9 A. I'm not sure.</p> <p>10 Q. Has she ever given any to you?</p> <p>11 A. No.</p> <p>12 Q. In connection with the \$1 million gift offered by</p> <p>13 Reed Widen to your mother, did your mother ever</p> <p>14 ask you whether you thought she should accept or</p> <p>15 reject it?</p> <p>16 A. No.</p> <p>17 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I -- Never mind.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: Sorry.</p> <p>19 Q. Did you at the time you heard that consider that</p> <p>20 being a generous thing of Reed Widen to do?</p> <p>21 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Form.</p> <p>22 A. Yeah, I thought it was generous, but if they're</p> <p>23 with my mom's concerns, obviously it wasn't, you</p> <p>24 know, near what, what she thought she was, was</p> <p>25 supposed to be getting.</p>
<p>1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objection.</p> <p>2 A. I don't, I don't know.</p> <p>3 Q. Was it after June of 2020?</p> <p>4 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same objections.</p> <p>5 A. June of '20. I believe so.</p> <p>6 Q. Has your mother ever told you that she's thinking</p> <p>7 about not accepting the payments that she receives</p> <p>8 monthly under the Stock Redemption Agreement she</p> <p>9 signed on May 13 of 2020?</p> <p>10 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And I'll object to the</p> <p>11 extent that answering would require you to</p> <p>12 disclose any attorney-client privileged</p> <p>13 information. To the extent that you can answer</p> <p>14 without doing so, go ahead and answer.</p> <p>15 A. No.</p> <p>16 Q. No, she's never told you that?</p> <p>17 A. Correct.</p> <p>18 Q. I don't know if I asked you this previously.</p> <p>19 Are you aware that your mother inherited gold and</p> <p>20 silver from her parents?</p> <p>21 A. Yeah, as I sit here today I am.</p> <p>22 Q. Have you ever seen it?</p> <p>23 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>24 Q. What do you know about that?</p> <p>25 A. That she's got, that grandma and grandpa gave her</p>	<p>1 Your mother testified in her deposition that on</p> <p>2 December 26th of 2019, she was under some extreme</p> <p>3 pressure and she wasn't in the right state of mind</p> <p>4 to be signing documents. Does that date have any</p> <p>5 significance to you?</p> <p>6 A. What was the date?</p> <p>7 Q. December 26th, 2019.</p> <p>8 A. I mean, it was the day after Christmas and it was</p> <p>9 very close to my second son being born, but other</p> <p>10 than that, no, I don't, nothing is sticking out.</p> <p>11 Q. Were you aware on December 26th, 2019, that your</p> <p>12 mother was under some extreme pressure?</p> <p>13 A. I don't specifically remember that date, no.</p> <p>14 Q. Was there ever a time that you believed your</p> <p>15 mother was not in a right state of mind to be</p> <p>16 signing documents?</p> <p>17 A. Yeah, I mean, like I said, during the, some of</p> <p>18 those periods where she was kind of under that</p> <p>19 stress with the divorce and all the other things</p> <p>20 she was, she was, you know, she would ruffle</p> <p>21 feathers and maybe be a little bit not the, not</p> <p>22 the most even flow person, kind of up and down and</p> <p>23 all over the place. Actually, yeah, I mean, I</p> <p>24 actually at one point reached out to Leanne and</p> <p>25 was like, I don't know what to do, my mom's really</p>

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<p>1 being kind of difficult, just for counsel Leanne, 2 Reed's wife, on how to kind of manage, you know, 3 some of the ups and downs with my mom. 4 Q. Was that relating to the divorce or something 5 else? 6 A. It was, it was previous to that. It was more 7 after my brother and, and those kind of things. 8 Q. You mentioned and all of those things. And I 9 think you were referring to things that were 10 impacting your mother's state of mind. 11 A. Yeah. 12 Q. What did you mean when you said, all of those 13 things? 14 A. In relation to kind of, you know, the question 15 regarding, was there a time where she couldn't 16 sign documents or potentially couldn't? 17 Q. Yeah, I think that was the context of what you 18 were saying. 19 A. Yeah, I mean, just the, the pressure with my, or, 20 or the issues regarding my brother really was the 21 big one but then all the other things that kind of 22 come along with managing relationships with 23 people, you know. Yeah, I mean those are, it, it 24 all kind of stemmed I think from my brother and, 25 and, you know, my, my mom and dad ended up getting</p>	<p>1 obtained any of that counseling? 2 A. I mean, I think she regularly sees, you know, a, a 3 doctor for that. 4 Q. Currently? 5 A. Yeah, yeah. Like, so this year, last year, 6 whatever frequency, you know, someone that would 7 help with that, would, would see someone. 8 Q. Was it your mother or your father, if you know, 9 who wanted the divorce? 10 A. I believe it was mutual. 11 Q. Do you believe your mother is an honest person? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Okay. Do you have any reason to think she would 14 ever commit fraud on a bank? 15 A. No. 16 Q. Are you aware of any financial statements or 17 disclosure forms that she's ever prepared and 18 presented to a bank? 19 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Foundation. 20 A. I'm not. 21 MS. POLAKOWSKI: MR. LAING: Okay. Let's 22 take a break. I'm close to done. 23 (Break taken) 24 Q. How would you describe Michael Kiesler's 25 personality?</p>
<p>1 divorced a couple years later so things weren't 2 great there at home, you know. I can't think of 3 anything more specific than that. It's just the 4 things that go on in life when someone's kind of 5 in a, in a tough situation maybe mentally, 6 everything becomes harder, right. 7 Q. Do you know whether or not your mother has ever 8 been clinically diagnosed with depression? 9 A. I'm not a hundred percent sure of that, no. 10 Q. Do you know if your mother has ever received 11 professional assistance for mental health issues? 12 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Form. 13 A. I do. 14 Q. And what do you know about that? 15 A. I know that she's seen doctors regarding 16 depression, things like that. 17 Q. During what time frame? 18 A. Going back quite a few years. I mean, I think, 19 yeah, a long time, ten, 15, 20 years, maybe even. 20 I'm thinking again back to my early college, late 21 high school, I believe she was kind of starting to 22 have those issues. 23 Q. All right. 24 A. When I became aware of them. 25 Q. And when are you aware of the last time she</p>	<p>1 A. Dry, yeah, dry is a, the best descriptor I can 2 find. 3 Q. Okay. Typical accountant? 4 A. Yes, right. 5 Q. Have you found him to be generally honest -- 6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. 7 Foundation. 8 Q. -- in your dealings with him? 9 A. I'm, you know, I haven't done a lot of dealings 10 with him so I don't, I can't really say to his 11 honesty level. 12 Q. Okay. How would you describe Matthew Gonnering's 13 personality? 14 A. Interesting, fairly high energy. I think he is a 15 good leader, kind of a good leadership personality 16 where, you know, you kind of want to, want to 17 follow that energy, confident, yeah. 18 Q. Honorable? 19 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Same, same objection. 20 A. Yeah, I can't comment on his honor. I just don't 21 know him that well. 22 Q. Have you socialized with him? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. How often? 25 A. It would be when I would go to the company</p>

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<p>1 Christmas parties, we did do, a, a company outing 2 at the Milwaukee Bucks game just this last winter, 3 I did see him. Oh, and we did a, there was a 4 Mallards, a company Mallards outing, Mallards 5 baseball that I did see him, too. So maybe once a 6 year.</p> <p>7 Q. Have you and your wife and Matthew Gonnering and 8 his wife ever socialized together outside of 9 company events?</p> <p>10 A. No.</p> <p>11 Q. Is your wife a friend of his wife's?</p> <p>12 A. I believe so.</p> <p>13 Q. Do they socialize together?</p> <p>14 A. I don't think they have to this point. 15 (Exhibit 2 marked for identification)</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. Mr. Randall, I've shown you Exhibit 2, 17 which is a document that your mother's produced in 18 this case, and it's an email or, I'm sorry, it's a 19 text from your mother to you dated May 6, 2012, or 20 2020 at 12:16 p.m. Do you see that?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. And is that your cell number listed there under 23 To, T-o?</p> <p>24 A. 225-9882. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. And your mother tells you, Kiesler was extremely</p>	<p>1 Q. Did you ever ask your mother at any point in time 2 why she didn't talk to a lawyer before selling her 3 stock in May of 2020? 4 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 5 A. Did I ask her when? 6 Q. No. 7 MR. LAING: Read that back. 8 THE WITNESS: Sorry. 9 (Question read) 10 A. Well, she did talk to a lawyer. 11 Q. And who, who did she talk to? 12 A. Scott Seid and the other lawyer from the same 13 firm. 14 Q. And when did she talk to Scott Seid? 15 A. I don't know that. 16 Q. Was it after she had already decided that she was 17 going to sign the Stock Redemption Agreement on 18 May 13 of 2020? 19 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. 20 Foundation. 21 A. I don't know that. 22 Q. Do you know whether the only time she ever talked 23 to Scott Seid was a minute or two before she 24 signed that agreement? 25 A. I don't know.</p>
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<p>1 cocky with me. He told me that Widens might even 2 be around in 7 years. I think that's a typo, 3 maybe she meant might not even be around. I could 4 end up with nothing if I don't take this offer. I 5 tried to explain to him that this is a really big 6 deal, it is what I have to live for the rest of my 7 life, I need time to talk to my people. He told 8 me I need to take it or leave it. If I turn it 9 down sorry we can't help you.</p> <p>10 Where your mother there says, I need time 11 to talk to my people, do you know who she was 12 referring to?</p> <p>13 A. I don't.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. Do you know if she ever talked to her 15 people about the subject of selling her stock back 16 to Windy Waters in May of 2020?</p> <p>17 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>18 A. I don't.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. Did you respond to this text?</p> <p>20 A. I don't recall.</p> <p>21 Q. Did you talk to your mother on the subject of her 22 believing she needed time to talk to her people 23 after receiving this text?</p> <p>24 A. I don't recall having that specific conversation, 25 no.</p>	<p>1 Q. And did your mother tell you that she thought 2 Scott Seid was her lawyer? 3 A. Yeah, because she would talk about, I talked to my 4 lawyer or I'm trying to get ahold of my lawyer, I 5 can't get ahold of my lawyer, you know. 6 Q. Did your mother tell you that she signed a form 7 acknowledging that Scott Seid was the company's 8 lawyer and not her lawyer? 9 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Form. 10 A. I don't recall that, no. 11 Q. Have you ever seen that form? 12 A. The, which form is it? 13 Q. The form your mom signed. 14 A. No, not that I recall. 15 Q. Did your mother ever tell you that she talked to 16 her lawyer? 17 A. Ever or just right around this May time? 18 Q. Yeah, in the, at any time between May 6 and 19 May 13 of 2020. 20 A. I don't believe so. I, I don't recall that 21 because I think, yeah, I don't recall that. 22 Q. Did you ever tell your mother not to sign the 23 Stock Redemption Agreement that she ultimately 24 signed on May 13 of 2020 without having a lawyer look at it on her behalf?</p>

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<p>1 A. I don't believe I made that statement. Again I, I 2 think at that time, what I understood was that she 3 was talking to her lawyer to her representation. 4 Q. Okay. 5 A. So I thought, you know, it was kind of, it was, it 6 was taken care of. 7 Q. But she never told you that she actually did talk 8 to her lawyer; is that accurate? 9 A. Not that I recall, no. 10 Q. I mean -- 11 A. I mean I remember her trying to get ahold of, of 12 them, and it was real right at that last minute 13 where she's, like, I got to go sign so, yeah, I, I 14 don't recall. She may have after the, she met 15 with Kiesler, she may have mentioned that she 16 talked to Seid, but I don't remember, I don't, 17 sorry. 18 Q. Did she ever tell you whether she ever talked to 19 Scott Seid? 20 A. Ever in life? 21 Q. Yes. 22 A. Not in a, not that, that I can remember in a 23 specific, specific time, no. 24 Q. Did she ever tell you that she did in fact talk to 25 Scott Seid in May of 2020?</p>	<p>1 Q. Did you ever suggest to your mother how she should 2 structure the deal that she ultimately signed in 3 May of 2020? 4 A. No. 5 Q. Did you ever give her any suggestions on 6 structuring the deal? 7 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Asked and 8 answered. 9 A. No. 10 Q. Did you ever tell your mother that you would like 11 to see the Stock Redemption Agreement before she 12 signs it? 13 A. Not that I recall, no. 14 Q. Did you ever suggest to your mother that she have 15 someone review the Stock Redemption Agreement 16 before she signs it? 17 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection to the extent 18 that it was asked and answered. 19 A. I don't know if I specifically said, you know, the 20 Stock Redemption Agreement. I think it was again, 21 you know, make sure you talk to your lawyer about, 22 you know, anything that you're going to do or sign 23 and review those kind of documents. Because 24 honestly, I didn't know, you know, what, I, I 25 wouldn't even have known I think the word Stock</p>

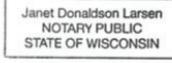
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<p>1 A. Not that I can recall, no. 2 Q. You mentioned earlier that you sent some text 3 messages to your mother at around this time frame. 4 Can you tell me what you remember those text 5 messages stating? 6 A. The one that I can recall is advising her to get a 7 tax accountant. That, that one I remember. I 8 also believe I texted her, you know, sorry, I'm 9 busy, I'll call you back or something, but I don't 10 remember specific messages at that time. 11 Q. Are you able to put any time frame on your text 12 message about the tax accountant? 13 A. Just between this May 6th/13th. That's all I 14 remember. 15 Q. And as best as you can recall, what did that text 16 message say? 17 A. The tax accountant one? 18 Q. Yes. 19 A. That, you know, you should get a tax accountant or 20 I would, I would talk to a tax accountant because 21 you can, with a deal of this size, you know, 22 structuring it different ways can swing the tax 23 percentages say 20 percent to 40 percent which can 24 equate to potentially hundreds of thousands of 25 dollars.</p>	<p>1 Redemption Agreement, Agreements that would be 2 going on. It was just kind of a talk to an 3 attorney that can help you with any documents and 4 any part of this deal. 5 Q. And why were you making that recommendation to 6 your mother? 7 A. Just so someone was there, like, looking out for 8 her best interests with no question about that, 9 yeah. 10 Q. Do you know whether your mother ever had a lawyer 11 review the Stock Redemption Agreements that she 12 signed prior to May 13 of 2020 before she signed 13 them? 14 A. I'm not aware of any that, no. 15 Q. On occasion did your wife and your mother ever 16 have discussions prior to May 13 of 2020 regarding 17 Widen Enterprises or Windy Waters? 18 A. I'm sorry. 19 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to foundation. 20 You can answer if you're able. 21 THE WITNESS: What was the question? I'm 22 sorry. 23 (Question read) 24 A. Yeah, I mean, they would talk about, I mean, my 25 mom would ask Julie, you know, how's work going</p>

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<p>1 and things like that, just general conversations 2 like that, how do you, you know, are you liking 3 it, are you busy, things like that. 4 Q. Do you recall any of those conversations where 5 they talked about details about the business, 6 revenue, sales, customers, those kinds of 7 things? 8 A. Yeah, I mean, I think Julie would say, yeah, we 9 just, I, I just won this deal with customer X, I 10 don't remember specifically what it was but a name 11 that you would know, something like that, you 12 know, conversations, kind of around the, around 13 the dinner table, talking about life and work and 14 things like that. 15 Q. Anything about revenue or sales volume or -- 16 A. I mean, I do, I don't remember, the only thing 17 that specifically that I can remember is Julie, I 18 believe it was early 2020, yeah, around January or 19 even the end of 2019, maybe, that might have been 20 a different time, sorry, I'm thinking about 21 something else. But it was just, there was just a 22 really, I remember the conversation Julie was 23 really under pressure because there was a push, 24 like, hey, we've got to really bring in a lot of, 25 a lot of customers. I remember that conversation</p>	<p>1 this text message? 2 A. I don't. 3 Q. Did you talk to your mother about her decision 4 that she was going to go over to the office to 5 sign the papers? 6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 7 A. I don't recall responding to this message saying 8 she's going to go do that. 9 Q. Do you remember any reaction you had at all when 10 you received this text as surprise or joy or 11 anything like that? 12 A. Yeah, I do remember sort of being like, well, I 13 don't know what else she can do, and she, she's 14 unfortunately, going to go and sign the papers due 15 to this, this kind of, this deadline. 16 Q. Okay. But despite that feeling you didn't try to 17 discourage her at all between 3:56 p.m. and 18 4:30 p.m.; is that what you're saying? 19 A. Yeah, I don't know what I was actually, I may have 20 been in a meeting. I may have been on a call. 21 I may have seen this text, you know, after 22 4:30 p.m. even. I don't, I don't remember that 23 timeline. 24 Q. After your mother signed the papers at around 25 4:30 p.m. on May 13 of 2020, did you have a</p>
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<p>1 kind of happening again with my mom around. 2 Q. And do you remember as part of any of those 3 conversations, numbers being discussed? 4 A. I, I don't recall specific numbers, no. 5 (Exhibit 3 marked for identification) 6 Q. Okay. Exhibit 3, which you have before you is a 7 text sent to you from your mother on May 13, 2020 8 at 3:56 p.m. And she says to you, well, low and 9 behold, Kiesler did another evaluation of the 10 company and came up with another \$250,000. 11 Nothing I can do about it I will be going over to 12 the office to sign the papers at 4:30. And then 13 she continues. 14 My first question to you is, did you have 15 any discussions or communications of any other 16 type with your mother between 3:56 p.m. and 17 4:30 p.m. that day? 18 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. 19 (Question read) 20 A. Not that I recall. 21 Q. In other words, did you call her and say, stop, 22 don't, or glad you're going and getting it done or 23 anything like that that you remember? 24 A. I don't remember, no. 25 Q. Okay. Do you remember if you responded at all to</p>	<p>1 discussion with her that evening or late afternoon 2 about her doing that? 3 A. I don't recall. 4 Q. When's the first time you do recall talking to her 5 about signing the papers after she signed the 6 papers? 7 A. I cannot remember any specific time after that. 8 Q. Did she ever tell you she ultimately signed the 9 papers? 10 A. I believe so. I mean, I, I know we would have, we 11 spoke after this 4:30, but I just don't remember 12 when it was or when, those things. 13 Q. Okay. When's the first time she showed you the 14 papers she signed? 15 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Objection. Assumes 16 facts not in evidence. 17 A. I'm not sure she did show me them. 18 Q. Have you ever seen the Stock Redemption 19 Agreement? 20 A. I believe as part of the Complaint. If it was in 21 there, I think I did see it, yeah. 22 Q. Are you referring to the actual document or are 23 you referring to some reference to the document? 24 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form. 25 A. What's ever in the Complaint. I can picture, I</p>

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<p>1 think it, you know, laid out some of the, the 2 details of the Stock Redemption Agreement. 3 Q. So if the actual Stock Redemption Agreement is not 4 in the Complaint, you have never seen it; is that 5 what you're telling me? 6 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to the extent 7 that it mischaracterizes his testimony. 8 A. Not that I can recall. If I saw, like, the 9 official one that my mom actually put pen to paper 10 on, not that I recall, no. 11 (Exhibit 4 marked for identification) 12 Q. Exhibit 4 that's before you is a text message your 13 mother sent to you on May 13 of 2020 at 4:28 p.m. 14 And she tells you, I asked Kiesler about tax 15 issues. He told me he is not my accountant so he 16 doesn't know. He said he thought with getting 17 more money it would probably help me out. I left 18 a message for Scott. I also contacted my attorney 19 to see if she could find out if he is in the 20 office or if she could relay the message that I 21 need to talk to him now. 22 Do you see that? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. Did you ever have any conversations with your 25 mother on the topics listed here in this email,</p>	<p>1 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to foundation. 2 A. No. 3 Q. Are you aware of any lawyer that your mother has 4 ever used for representation other than the 5 divorce lawyer from Scott Seid's firm? 6 A. I feel like there is a guy named Tom Brush for 7 some reason that comes to mind years, years ago, 8 and I don't even know what it was, it might have 9 been a speeding ticket or something. I, I don't 10 know. But for some reason that name comes to 11 mind, Brush. 12 Q. Anyone else? 13 A. No, not that I can recall. 14 Q. Does your mother have any friends that are 15 lawyers? 16 A. Not that I'm aware of. 17 Q. Has your mother ever have any friends that are 18 lawyers? 19 A. Not that I'm aware of. 20 Q. Other than some speeding ticket and her divorce 21 from your father, are you aware of any other times 22 where your mother was represented by an attorney, 23 and of course this case? 24 A. Not, not that I can recall. 25 Q. Do you have any friends that are lawyers?</p>
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<p>1 text message? 2 A. What specifically? 3 Q. Well, did your mother ever tell you that Kiesler 4 told her he's not her accountant? 5 A. Well, yeah, she texted me this, right. 6 Q. I know. Did you ever have any communications with 7 her other than this text where she told you 8 Kiesler told her that he's not her accountant? 9 A. We, not that specifically that I recall, no. 10 Q. Okay. Now, your mother here says to you that she 11 left a message for Scott and she also contacted my 12 attorney to see if she could find out if Scott's 13 in the office and tell him that she needs to talk 14 to him. Do you see that? 15 A. I do. 16 Q. Scott you assume is Scott Seid; right? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. And her attorney you assume she's referencing her 19 divorce lawyer or not? 20 A. I don't -- Yeah, reading it now I think she's 21 referencing her divorce lawyer, but I'm not sure 22 if I knew what she meant by that at the time. 23 Q. Okay. Are you aware of any lawyer in Scott Seid's 24 law firm that ever represented your mother other 25 than the divorce lawyer she used?</p>	<p>1 A. I do. 2 Q. And how many? 3 A. I can think of two right off the top of my head. 4 Q. And what are their names? 5 A. Todd Bochen and Tim Macht. 6 Q. And what type of -- Do they practice law, either 7 of them? 8 A. I don't think, I don't think Tim does. Last I 9 heard Todd was working in Minnesota, like, in 10 contract law, I believe. I think he was working 11 for a county or a judge or something. 12 Q. Have you ever spoken with either of them relating 13 to the circumstances of this lawsuit or your 14 mother's sale of her stock in May of 2020? 15 A. Tim we ran into at a, a show downtown, Chelsea 16 Handler, I think it was, ran into him there, ran 17 into him at the bar after the show, and it, it 18 came up, the lawsuit somehow came up, I don't 19 remember specifically, I remember him saying that, 20 you know, it's really a tough situation. And I 21 believe he said, you know, I just can't believe 22 your mom's doing that because I don't think she 23 will win is what I recall. 24 Q. Do you recall anything else about the 25 conversation?</p>

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<p>1 A. I mean, we were at the, the, what the heck is the 2 place called, now I can't remember the name of 3 place, but it was on State Street, it was right 4 down here.</p> <p>5 Q. And so do you remember anything else about that 6 conversation?</p> <p>7 A. No. I mean, after that, that was kind of 8 uncomfortable for me, and after that we kind of 9 just started to socialize generally. That was 10 kind of it.</p> <p>11 Q. And that was the only conversation you've ever had 12 with him about this situation?</p> <p>13 A. Yes, that I can recall.</p> <p>14 Q. How about your other friend lawyer who's in 15 Minnesota, have you ever had any discussions with 16 that person?</p> <p>17 A. No, I don't think, unfortunately I don't think 18 I've talked to him since even 2020. I haven't 19 seen him in awhile.</p> <p>20 Q. Did the gentleman that made those comments to you 21 in the bar in Milwaukee indicate why he said your 22 mom was going to lose?</p> <p>23 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I'll object just because 24 you said Milwaukee. I think it's Madison.</p> <p>25 Q. Oh.</p>	<p>1 Q. Anything like that?</p> <p>2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Object to form.</p> <p>3 A. No, and I don't recall anything like that.</p> <p>4 Q. Did you offer to go with your mother to the 5 company offices on May 13, 2020, when she was 6 going to sign the paperwork?</p> <p>7 A. I did at some point say do you want me to go with 8 you to meet with Kiesler. I don't remember if it 9 was this May 13th day. Yeah, I don't remember 10 when that was. It, it may have been not even in 11 the May 6th time, it may have been some other 12 time. I don't remember why she was seeking, you 13 know, kind of help.</p> <p>14 Q. How did your mother respond when you asked her 15 that?</p> <p>16 A. I don't remember. I didn't end up going to the 17 office, whatever time that was so, but I don't 18 remember what her response was.</p> <p>19 Q. I think I'm done. Just give me a minute.</p> <p>20 Are you aware of any financial records 21 that your mother reviewed regarding Widen 22 Enterprises or Windy Waters at any point in time?</p> <p>23 A. I'm not.</p> <p>24 Q. Did your mother ever complain to you that she 25 didn't receive or have access to financial records</p>
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<p>1 A. Yeah.</p> <p>2 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Just for the record.</p> <p>3 Q. When you say downtown I think of Milwaukee.</p> <p>4 A. Yeah, right here in Madison. No, I don't recall 5 any other information about, about that comment.</p> <p>6 Q. Did you ever have any follow up to discussions 7 with your mother after receiving this text that 8 we've marked as Exhibit 4 on any conversations she 9 had with Scott Seid?</p> <p>10 A. Not that I recall, no.</p> <p>11 Q. As you sit here today do you know whether or not 12 your mother has ever spoken to Scott Seid in her 13 entire life?</p> <p>14 A. I believe she has, because I think he, I think 15 Scott worked for Widen for many years, if I recall 16 correctly. So I think that they had, they were, 17 knew each other and had conversations at some 18 point. I'm not, I can't say 100 percent that 19 they've spoken, but I would, my assumption would 20 be yes, just because of the length of time that 21 they kind of worked together.</p> <p>22 Q. Did you ever tell your mother that if she's 23 uncomfortable with anything in the Stock 24 Redemption Agreement she shouldn't sign it?</p> <p>25 A. I don't recall saying that, no.</p>	<p>1 of Windy Waters or Widen Enterprises?</p> <p>2 A. I recall over the years just her going, I don't 3 know what's going on with the, the company. I 4 don't remember her being like, gosh, darn it, I 5 want a financial document, but just that kind of, 6 that thing we were talking about earlier where 7 there was kind of quabbling about why is, why is 8 he getting this and we're not getting anything, it 9 was just, I don't know what's going on.</p> <p>10 Q. Was there ever an occasion where your mother told 11 you that she requested anything from Widen 12 Enterprises or Windy Waters and they refused to 13 give it to her?</p> <p>14 A. I don't, I don't remember that.</p> <p>15 MS. POLAKOWSKI: And I'll object to form, 16 and I assume you're talking about, Dean, the basis 17 for the lawsuit?</p> <p>18 MR. LAING: No, I meant anything.</p> <p>19 MS. POLAKOWSKI: Do you need some water,</p> <p>20 Dean?</p> <p>21 MR. LAING: I think I'll be all right 22 because I think I'm done. I am done. Thank you.</p> <p>23 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I have just a few 24 clarifying questions.</p> <p>25 MR. LAING: Okay.</p>

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<p>1 EXAMINATION 2 BY MS. POLAKOWSKI: 3 Q. During your questioning earlier, Justin, you were 4 asked some questions about what you told your wife 5 Julie about your conversations between Reinhart 6 and Stacy. Do you recall those questions? 7 A. Generally, yeah. 8 Q. Did you ever reveal to your wife any statements or 9 advice that was discussed at meetings between you, 10 Stacy, and Reinhart? 11 A. No. 12 Q. The conversations that you referenced earlier that 13 you had with your wife, were those conversations 14 limited to the facts that were contained in the 15 Complaint? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Did you ever tell your wife that you can't discuss 18 things that you talked about at Reinhart with your 19 mom? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. What did you tell your wife about that? 22 A. I just said that, you know, I can't talk about 23 specifics within the meetings because that's what 24 Reinhart advised was the, was the case. 25 Q. Did you, did your wife respect that boundary?</p>	<p>1 witnesses are entitled to change their testimony. 2 (Proceedings concluded at 3:54 p.m.) 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>
<p>1 A. Absolutely, yeah. 2 Q. Did you ever leave a room where your wife was 3 present to have a conversation with your mother 4 about things that happened at Reinhart or things 5 that Reinhart had told you and/or Stacy? 6 A. Yes, I do remember doing that. I also 7 remember a time where we were in the car 8 talking about things regarding the case and rather 9 than going home we just kept going so we could 10 continue to talk without, you know, other people 11 around. 12 Q. When you say when we were in, you remember when we 13 were in the car, who is the we? 14 A. Sorry. Myself and my mom. 15 Q. And no one else was present in the car during 16 those conversations? 17 A. Correct. 18 Q. Other than the Complaint, did you ever disclose 19 any documents that were discussed between 20 yourself, your mother, and Reinhart with your 21 wife? 22 A. No. 23 MS. POLAKOWSKI: I have nothing 24 further. 25 MR. LAING: I don't either. All</p>	<p>1 STATE OF WISCONSIN) 2 MILWAUKEE COUNTY) 3 I, JANET D. LARSEN, a Notary Public in 4 and for the State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that 5 the deposition of JUSTIN RANDALL was taken before me 6 under and pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil 7 Procedure on the 25th day of October, 2023. 8 That before said witness testified, 9 he was first duly sworn by me to testify the truth. 10 That I am not a relative or employee or 11 attorney or counsel of any of the parties, or a 12 relative or employee of such attorney or counsel, or 13 financially interested directly or indirectly in this 14 action. 15 That the foregoing pages are a true and 16 correct transcription of my original shorthand notes 17 taken at said time and place. 18 Dated this 30th day of October, 2023 19 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 20  21 JANET DONALDSON LARSEN 22 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL REPORTER 23 NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF WISCONSIN 24 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1-22-26 25 </p>

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